

# MY KIND OF THIRTIES

by

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FOR MOLLY, WITH LOVE

AND THANKS

## FOREWORD

The keeping of diaries is an occupation fraught with problems. Should the diary be confined to a simple record of personal events, at the risk of producing a trivial and consequently, boring narrative? Should the diarist endeavour to suppress the personal element, seeking rather to express his views on the contemporary social and political environment, and thereby risk subsequent judgement of his opinions as being unfounded and misguided? Or should he attempt a mixture of these two approaches, only to be confronted with the difficulty of maintaining a credible balance between them, for there is often little or no relation between most people's daily experiences and public events. As these diaries follow the first of these alternatives, they must therefore be prefaced by the warning that a reader may find them both trivial and boring.

However, even the insignificant may become interesting, and the trifling, important, merely by the passage of time, and it is in this hope only that I have put these notes into readable form. Distance, it is said, lends enchantment to the view, and to look back on life as it was (for me) fifty and more years ago, may have its own fascination. Nostalgia, nevertheless, is a deceptive sentiment and is not to be indulged for its own sake. Living is for the present only.

The years between 1931 (the beginning of the Great Depression) and 1939 (the outbreak of the Second World War) were filled with tension, anxiety, poverty and distress, but the human spirit was not quenched. I was greatly privileged to be a student at Glasgow University within that period and, further, to have made many friends and acquaintances there, including students from India, Africa, China and European countries, through the medium of the Students International Club. This Club, under the amiable and wise direction of its resident Superintendents, Mr and Mrs Appadurai Aarai, from South India, was a home from home for these students, as indeed it was also for me, although my own home was so close at hand. I remember it with gratitude and affection.

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Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January. 1 a.m. - First Footing. Ansari - "Sick as a dog." 4 a.m. - Bed at last. What a night! Recovering until midday. 2-5 p.m. seeing "Are you a Mason" at Playhouse Cinema. 7-9 p.m. Kelvin Hall Catnival. 10-11 p.m. - International Club.

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Very slack day in office. 5.30 p.m. T.B. Mr. Wotherspoon's at Lenzie. Enjoyable evening. Asked Molly to house on Monday. 1.30 a.m. Returned home with the Wotherspoons in their car. 2 a.m. - bed. Keeping too late hours.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Chiefly book-keeping in the office. Stayed at home in evening. Heard part of "Beck & Methuselah" (Shaw) on wireless. Bed at 11 p.m. - better!

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January. Getting busier in the office as holidays recede. At night saw "Jack's the Boy" - good. Rather late to bed again - 1 a.m. The weather today has been marvellous, and feels quite like spring.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January. After a busy day in the office, went with Ansari to see if I could borrow Hyder's car for the Party which we are having on Monday night. Found him at the Club and was overjoyed when he agreed to lend it.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January. Left for Dundee by train at 10.30 a.m. to interview a witness in the Davidson case. Very cold, but dry, in Dundee. Found nice Restaurant for lunch and Hotel for tea later and in between saw and took statement from witness. Returned by 8 p.m. train, getting home at 11 p.m. absolutely fatigued by the day's travels.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January. This is the day of my Party. Doreen, Ina, Molly, Jim Hutton, Ansari and myself. Went to Lenzie for Molly at 7 p.m. Had a grand night, finishing at 2 a.m. - dancing, games, etc. Took over half an hour to start car. Saw all the girls home. Molly will have tea with me in town on Saturday.

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Varsity term recommences. After getting to bed last night at 4.45 a.m. I did not go to work until 10 a.m. Mr. Boyle and I studied cases bearing on the Carlton case which we are to fight tomorrow against Glasgow Corporation. It is going to be a difficult case. Classes again

the afternoon. Quiet night at home, writing. Bed at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January. 10 a.m - Proof conferences in Carlin v. Corporation - accident case. Adjourned to Craig's for lunch at 1.15. Back in Court from 4 p.m. Sheriff then declared Avizandum. At night Committee meeting in the International Club. Resignations failing up - four now. Meeting went on till 11 p.m. At home discussed Progress and Science with Ansari till 2 a.m.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January. Spent most of morning writing business letters for the Club. In evening went with mother to 'Mother Goose' Pantomime in the Alhambra and enjoyed it immensely.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January. The wettest morning for months with first fall of snow about 5 a.m. Not much doing in office, except for a rush hour between 2 and 3 p.m. Made arrangements in University Union for Charities Day. I am a Party Leader. Had another good discussion tonight with Ansari about things in general.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January. Busy morning in office. Fine dry and frosty day. Met Molly at 5.30 p.m. Had tea in Craig's then went to see "Treasure Island" which we greatly enjoyed. Afterwards walked about town and had a look at several Print Shops. Coffee in the Royal (Spanish Room) then Molly got 10.30 p.m train to Lenzie. Invitation to Lenzie on Monday.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January. Snowing all morning. Went to Airdrie in afternoon to see a Mr. Wright on business for the office. Snow turned to heavy rain at 5 p.m. To the Club at night where saw Tatty and Hamilton for first time this year. Later went to Hamilton's flat and played Bridge. I have a bad cold. Wrote letter to Molly.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. Went to Union to see about Charities Day arrangements. Too late for classes, so met Jim Hutton and had coffee with him in "The Hub" (a new place). Early to bed with plenty of books and a hot drink.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Cold a little better. Went out to Lenzie by 6.15 p.m. train and spent enjoyable evening there. Got the present of an oil-painting outfit from

Molly. She goes away (to Denmark) on Friday. So it is  
bye for a while. Raced off for 10.55 p.m. train in high  
limits (having won 4<sup>th</sup> at Solo, for one thing!) - "Mollie  
erarusta kogn eotir ir eya Tore Æwpeka".

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Still troubled  
with a cold. It is a gorgeous day for this time of the year.  
Drove up to Union at 11.30 a.m. about Charities Day. It is  
likely to be a good affair this year compared with last. Stayed  
at home this evening to work and try to get rid of this cold.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. A day of dreadful  
news. Mr. Boyle away from office all day at Dumfries and  
Edinburgh. I attended Court in the morning and went out  
taking statements from witnesses in Murdoch case in afternoon.  
Left to be in at night. Visit from Aunt Dolly with her baby.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January. At Court this morning  
with Mr. Boyle who was getting the worst of it in a Debate  
in the case of [redacted]. Took lunch in town, then  
went out to Bishopbriggs to spy out the land for tomorrow  
(Charities Day). After tea, went to University to get my  
collecting can, thereafter to Club. At 11 p.m. left with  
mother and father for Students' Midnight Matinee in Regal  
Cinema. Met Club boys there and saw "Radio Parade of  
1935." Almost 3 a.m. when got to bed.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Charities Day. Early  
start. Procession at 10 a.m. Lunch in Miss Buck's at noon  
then off to Bishopbriggs where I met Mr. and Mrs. Wetherpoon  
in their car while I was doing my collecting rounds (in  
fancy dress, of course). Not a great deal of money around.  
Returned to town at 5 p.m. and spent till 7 p.m. taking  
decorations off lorry outside the Club. Home for tea and  
then to meet Tim Hutton in Unity Club and have supper  
later with him.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> January. Rose at 11.30 a.m.  
I did not enjoy Charities Day so much this year, perhaps due  
to some extent to having the responsibility of being a Party Leader.  
In afternoon wrote letters to Molly and to Aunt Peggy in  
London. Spent the evening quietly at home, for a change.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Charities Day  
result - over £10,000. Just as I expected, £2,000 less than

last year. Beautiful weather today. Club meeting night which passed off fairly quietly - thank heavens! - but went on till 11 p.m. Thereafter had a long discussion with Mori till 2 a.m. on the respective merits of Darwin's theory of Evolution and the religious idea of Creation.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Fine day again. Feeling in good spirits. Quite a busy day in office. At night I was at home and made an effort to get back into the working habit. Am writing a piece of music - amusing, but of doubtful quality. Started book of essays by Compton Mackenzie, which I enjoy.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Another sunny day. Makes one long for the country. I must have a game of golf some time. Busy day in the office. Got some good work done and also wrote some letters on Club business. At home all evening and got through a fair amount of work. I am in a very unstable financial condition these last few days.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. A very wet and blustery day. My first taste of Criminal cases at Court this morning - mostly hopelessly guilty characters. Quiet afternoon and home late at 6.30 p.m. due to breakdown on Subway. Very hard up these days, but I think I smell something coming! Studied all evening.

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. A day of wind and snow. Went to Hamilton Sheriff Court at 10 a.m. Snowing heavily. Back in office, not much to do in afternoon. Met Mr. Boyle in Edinburgh on business. Met Jim [redacted] after tea and went with him to see "Give her a Ring" and a "very good Silly Symphony" - "The Caterpillar and the Ants."

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. Cold and windy day but only a little snow in the morning. In the afternoon the sun shone brightly and I persuaded Peter to go with me for a game of golf - BOO! Went to Club in evening. (Why the H... does Kelly want to go to a College in Denmark?) Had a good discussion, argument perhaps, with a speaker from the League of Nations. I believe I got the better of the debate.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. A beautiful & sunny day, but very cold. Spent most of the day at home, and did some work. Tried my hand at painting

with disappointing results. Early to bed and read some old Scots Ballads.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Dry and cold at first but rain later. More Criminal cases in Court. Made my first visit to Prison (Duke Street) to interview an accused person. Received a very charming letter from Wilf today. Also a present from Mr. Boyle - "My Diaries" by Wilfred Scawen Blunt. Stayed home at night and started reading the Diaries, which begin in 1888.

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Cold and foggy morning. At court in morning. Aunt Peggy arrived from Manchester and had tea with us. Many interesting stories to tell, for example, how she and Cyril drove up to the Dorchester Hotel in London dressed in evening dress and riding in a small Ford Van with a ladder protruding from the back. Got some work done later after she had left, but not enough, I fear.

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. Very disagreeable weather. Went to Barlinnie Prison in afternoon to see some clients (criminals in custody). At night could not get down to work, and went to see "Hips, Hips, Hooray" (Wheeler and Wolsey) and "Merry Wives of Racy", which I found very funny. Managed to do some work after getting home.

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. Squally weather. Very busy to day. Went out to Bellshill in morning to take witnesses' statements. The countryside looked marvellous in the sunshine. No time to go home for lunch so went to Craig's Restaurant. Then to Barlinnie to bail out one of the prisoners. To Glass at University at 4 p.m. then back to office at 5. Lot of Court work for tomorrow. Studied at home in evening.

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Very wet day. Busy in Court all morning. Conducted a short discussion before Sheriff Bartholomew. Had a very busy afternoon, too, collecting Bail money for another Barlinnie prisoner and getting him released. At night went to see "Dirty Work" (Ralph Lynn) and had a good laugh. Tim — went with me.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. In Court all day, from 10 a.m till 4.30 p.m., and those witnesses examined. At this rate it will last for a month! At night working hard for exam tomorrow. Also wrote to Molly, which took some time. Not feeling very active physically this week.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. In Court for Proof again today. We (that is, Mr. Boyle) are making a good impression on the Sheriff so far. There was some amusement in Court due to the rather ridiculous cross of one of the witnesses. I left Court in time to get to University at 4 p.m. for Civil Law exam. Found it very hard going as I had not sufficiently studied some of the topics which questions were set. To get some relief from the pressure of the day I went at night to see "The Count of Monte Cristo", and thought it very good.

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February. The Proof again. We have not yet finished the examination of witnesses. The first witness for the Defence was a Doctor and I think Mr. Boyle rather got the better of him in cross-examination. At night stayed at home and started thinking about the Degree exams. I shall have to go to work for them without delay. My birthday today.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Horrible weather again today. Went to Baillie's Institute Library in afternoon and did some work there. Harry was also in the library and I had tea with him in La Scala. In evening went to Club and chaired the meeting. The speaker was a Mr. West ("Chiltree" of "The Evening Times") and his subject was "Newspaper Production". I didn't think he spoke very well, but he seemed a very affable man. He wants me to ring him any time I like!

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. Studying all afternoon. At night went to visit Grandparents at Park Road and had tea with them. They are a wonderful pair. Went on to Club at 8.30 p.m. and heard Dr. Niven on "Mental Diseases". Later, at home, read some more of "The Life and Adventures of Prince Charles Edward Stewart".

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Back again to Mr. Cusker's Proof. Evidence not completed today so case adjourned. Had lunch in town with

Boyle and Mr. Stewart (the Defence Solicitor) who seems quite  
dexterous." Did a lot of work at home tonight.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. A fine day at  
work, with bright sunshine. No Court this morning, so had a  
relatively easy time. Having no University class, went  
3.45 to see "We Live Again", the film of Tolstoy's "Resurrection"  
at the Picture House. Studying again in evening and writing  
a recent composition (Waltz) to send to Denmark!

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Back to hotrid  
weather again today. Not much doing in office today but  
had a phone call from Mr. Brotherspoon about his case and a  
long chat with him. Classes again in afternoon, and at  
the same old work routine. It will have to be very  
intensive for the next month. Continued with writing out my  
music.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February. Another day of  
wind and rain. At court in morning. After lunch in  
Craig's went to interview client in Balloch and returned  
to office to find Mr. Boyle complaining of 'flu. Classes in  
afternoon then evening spent at the same old grindstone.

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Left office at 11 a.m.  
to see witness in Port Glasgow. Fine bright day with cold  
wind. I had a very trying experience at Port Glasgow attempting  
to extract information from a man who wanted to be  
arrested! Working at home again tonight and finishing off  
music writing.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. A fine sunny day.  
Phoned Mr. Brotherspoon in morning and heard that he and  
Mrs. Brotherspoon had won First Prize at a Bridge Drive last  
night. Very busy in office till 1.30 p.m. Layed at home most  
of the afternoon and at 6 p.m. went to Committee meeting at  
Club, followed by Chinese National Night, which was a great  
success. I am suffering from a cold.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Think I have a touch  
of 'flu today. Stayed at home, not feeling well at all, and  
tried to get on with the good work. Drew up a Provisional  
Working Agreement between All Peoples Association and the  
Club.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Had to stay in bed to try to get rid of the cold. Spent most of the time reading by books and managed to get through quite a lot of work. It is bitterly cold today. Got up at tea time but went to bed at 9.30 p.m. still feeling very shaky. Felt cold through the night after the fire and my hot water bottle had both lost their heat.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February. Still having to stay in bed today. Resolved to write to Mrs. Mengies Campbell that I would be unable to go to her Whist tonight - tore it up. I must go, somehow. Got up and dressed soon. What a beard to shave! Managed to get to the Drive and back out the evening, wrapped in a scarf.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. Confined to bed again. Got up in the evening, and, whether wisely or not, went to the Picture House and saw Zasu Pitts in "Sing Like It." made me laugh a lot, for which I was very thankful.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Another day at home.

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Out to office this morning, but not feeling well at all. Visited Doctor, who ordered a tonic. To bed early tonight. I should have had to go to the Club Dance but just couldn't make the effort.

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Stayed at home in the morning but felt much better by the afternoon and went to the Club, my first visit for a week. Attended Committee meeting at night. Nominations are in for next year's Committee. I would not stand for any official position. Bought 2 books and a hand-knitted at a Sale in Club. Captain and Turner were here with me for supper.

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Passed the day as usual in studying. Wish I could give this up and have a real rest on Sundays. But that would be very difficult. Went to Club at night and heard A. K. White speaking on "South African Race Problems".

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. Returned to work today, which was altogether uneventful.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. Another fine day. Morning in office. Slipped out at 4 p.m. to do some studying in Mitchell Library, and continued at home after tea.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Beautiful weather. Times. Left office again at 4 p.m. and went to King's Cinema to relieve monotony. Hard at it at night. Have fear that I shall be all right for the exam, but have some fear that my powers of concentration are less than they might be.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March. In Court this morning but taking things easy in afternoon. Submerged again at night. Tomorrow is the day!

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March. Stayed off work and spent the morning studying in Mitchell Library. Civil Law exam from 2 - 5 p.m. Thought the paper pretty stiff, but feel have made a good attempt. Off the chair at night, and went to see Greta Garbo in "Queen Christina" which I found rather disappointing. Wishing Molly was home again.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Feeling a bit brighter now that exam is over. Very fine weather. Made another settlement with Corporation Transport Department in morning. Went into town with mother in afternoon and bought new coat and shoes. To Club at night but not much doing there.

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Long needed rest. In afternoon went to King's Park to visit grandmother, who has just come out of hospital. Left at 8 p.m. and went to the Club where took part in a rather boisterous meeting. Then went to visit Hamilton, who has been ill, and played Bridge there till midnight. Terry was back from a visit to Newcastle, and I was glad to see her again. She and Hamilton are "a pair."

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. In Court this morning and fairly busy. Phoned Mr. Motherspoon and learned he was confined to the house. Met Tim. \_\_\_\_\_ and went with him to see "Cyrano" in Hillhead Cinema at night. Rather good. He came home with me and we played Bridge till midnight. Bought "Scotland in Eclipse" today.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Attending Small Debt Court in morning. A tedious business. Wrote letters

Molly. Phoned uncle Hugh (Alexander) and arranged to go and see him tonight. Went to his house after tea and had a long chat with him, chiefly about legal matters. I was hoping, with his assistance, to get in to Mr. Gregor Donald Company in May to do my apprenticeship there. That will be a great opportunity for me.

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. After a morning bout, went to Woodside Baths at 2.15 p.m. and had first swim this year. Then went to Renfrew and spent 3 hours from 4.15 interviewing a number of witnesses. Back in Glasgow at 8 p.m. and went to see "Evergreen" and "Soul of a Nation" without having anything to eat first.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. At Small Debt Court in morning and visit to Barlinnie Prison in afternoon to interview some prisoners. At night went with mother to see Leonid Leon's play - "Libel".

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Nothing worth recording for today.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Busy morning in office. Left for Lomond at 2 p.m. wearing full kilt regalia. Found Mr. Wetherpoon still in bed, suffering from 'flu. Spent rest of the day there. Mrs. Wetherpoon is going to visit Molly in Denmark at Easter. Got back home at 11 p.m. to find that mother has acquired a very small kitten for us. It is still very young.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Spent the morning and afternoon leisurely at home. Tom came about 3 p.m. and I wrote down, as best I could, a Burmese song from his singing. At night went to Park Road and had tea with old folk. Returned at 9 p.m. and read part of "The Story of San Michele." Great fun playing with our kitten.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Very windy today but little rain. Took things easy in afternoon and had coffee with Jim Hutton in Glasgow. After tea went to Waddell's Firm Dance in Grand Hotel with mother. Things were pretty dull till 11.30 p.m. when I met a Miss Jean Mack and then enjoyed myself thoroughly till Dance ended at 2.30. Mother won First Prize at the Whist Drive, in which I did not take part.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. Pretty tired this morning and took things easy during day. In afternoon "The Battle," a very fine Russian film. At night stayed to work at Civil Law in preparation for oral exam on today.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Left for Edinburgh 8.30 a.m. train with Mr. Boyle and witnesses in the case Davidson v. Davidson. Listened to the pleadings in the Court of Session, which didn't impress me very much, and had to Glasgow by 4 p.m. train. Glorious weather today, dying at home again at night.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Find that I have passed 79% in Civil Law exam (written). Took the oral exam confident frame of mind. In the evening went to see Hamilton and found that he was at home in Denny suffering from flu. Played Bridge at Club with Terry, Matta and Archie Murray (who has just failed his 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Exam for second time - Medical Degree).

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. At Court this morning. Had coffee in town with Harry Rae. I like him. It is like old times. Weather very disagreeable. Learned that Mr. Wetherpon still unwell. At night went to see a production of "Tannhauser" in King's Theatre but rather failed to enjoy it owing to the discomfort of my seat (in the gallery). Wrote to Jean Mackie.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. Very bad cold today. Stayed at home in afternoon. Went out at 5 p.m. met Archie Campbell and played Billiards with him in Union. Enjoyed meeting him again after long interval. After tea went up to Club and found good company there till 11 p.m. got home feeling the worse for wear.

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. All day at home reading and amusing myself (but no one else) at the piano. I have two little "pieces" on the go just now. Read Shaw's "On the Rocks". Poor drama, if indeed it is drama at all. At 10 p.m. went out for first time today and called on Terry. Chatted with her and Tim, who also arrived, until midnight. Tim intends to buy a car. I fear the worst!

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. All Fools Day, but no

Perhaps. I ran into an old school friend, Bob Miller, in an insurance office in town where I had some business today. Met Hutton and had coffee with him in Grosvenor. After tea went to Club for Committee meeting which lasted till 10.45 p.m. Went to peasant meeting. And I find it much more congenial than an ordinary member than an Office Beater. One can sit back and see things more clearly and generally.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Work as usual in office today. Went to Club in evening for rehearsal of an attainment we are to give in Clydabank. Exam results appeared on University Notice Board today and I was delighted and relieved to see that I had passed. N. Macdonald - M.A! But otherwise I am not feeling too bright these days. I haven't heard from Molly, and I still have this cold.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Phoned Mr. Witherspoon and arranged to see them on Sunday. Had interesting Small Debt Case in court this morning. Met "Ochiltree" of "Times" in town and will call on him tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. Stayed home quietly at night to rest.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Weather very cold but bright. Not much to do in office. Went to "Ochiltree's" office in afternoon as arranged and had pleasant conversation with him. After tea met Jean [redacted] and went with her to see "Sequoia", a very fine nature film, which we both enjoyed. After seeing her home (to Knightswood) called on Terry, but found her feeling very miserable as Hamilton is still unwell in Denny and she complains that none of "the gang" have been to see her recently. Hope she felt better after my visit.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Still slack in office. In afternoon had an interview with Hugh [redacted] about my getting in to Mc Gregor Donald & Co. He tried to speak to Mr. Gommill of that firm by phone but was unable to contact him. At night went to Paramount Cinema with Tim. Then we went to Unity Club and met two lady members there with whom we chatted till after 1 a.m. They lived in Scotstoun and after walking home with them and back to town it was 3 a.m. when I got to bed.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Glorious day for the International - Scotland v. England. Had cup of tea with Ella in [redacted] and then dashed off to Hampden Park

fully. Pity summer time starts tomorrow - shall lose an hour's sleep!

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. Pretty tired this morning. Left for Largs at 11 a.m. Visited Mrs. Stewart and went to see Hugh and Cathie who are on holiday. Went then and Mr. and Mrs. Dewar to play golf at Skelmorlie. Largs by 7 p.m. train and when in Glasgow went to King's to visit grandmother. Dolly was there and I asked her to come to the office tomorrow to settle her business.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April. Met Dolly at midday took her to office where Mr. Boyle talked with her. Then came home with me for lunch. In afternoon saw Mr. Weir (of 'The Crooked Billet') who gave me 2 tickets for "The Crooked Billet" at Theatre Royal tonight. Took Ella (from the office) and we had nice evening. Had tea in Leyton's Cafe after the Theatre and she & I the 11.15 p.m. train home to Hamilton.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Busy morning in office Mr. Boyle is going to Troon for a week, and leaving me in charge. Had lunch in town and had interviews with several clients in afternoon. Should have met Mr. Weir in town, but forgot about it till too late. Weather very bad today. Had tea with Ella in "The Hub". At night went to visit grandparents at Park Road. Then went to see Terry, later to the Club, and finally visiting Aunt Meg at Barrington Drive. A full evening!

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. My first day looking after the office. No particular problems, so all went smoothly. Ella seems genuinely sorry that my time in the office will soon be coming to an end. She is a very sympathetic girl.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. Early start this morning. Left office at 9.30 a.m. and went by train to Irvine to do some business there. After that I got another train to Prestwick where I had arranged to meet Mr. Boyle. We had a game of golf in the afternoon on St. Nicholas Course, which he won, and after tea with him and Mrs. Boyle I caught the 8.45 p.m. train back to town. I much enjoyed the day's outing, and the weather was good.

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. Another early start today. All went very well in office. Interviewed a number of clients on Mr. Boyle's behalf, and seemed to satisfy them. Received

Received parting gifts from girls in office, a silk handkerchief  
 Ella and a tie from Betty. Reciprocated with cigarette case  
 and handkerchiefs respectively. Saw them off regretfully by  
 car on their way to Rotheray, then met Mr. Heir and saw  
 awful pictures with him - "strictly confidential." Got home  
 first time today at 10.30 p.m.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Graduation Day.  
 The very bad. Capping ceremony at midday in Bute  
 Hall with mother and father, grandmother McIver, and Peggy and  
 I all attended 'spectacle'. In afternoon went to  
 photographer's in Gurn and Hood for 'official' photograph. Got  
 results in the evening and was much pleased with them. Was  
 planning to leave for Balfour when Archie Campbell came in  
 it was 11.15 p.m. when I got there in a deluge of rain.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. Lodging with Mrs.  
 Stewart in Balfour. The day made a promising start, with  
 bright sunshine. It is wonderful to be in the country again,  
 with fresh air, green fields and white-washed houses all  
 around. Went for a long walk, about 6 miles, in afternoon.  
 Very lucky to get back before a thunderstorm with drenching  
 rain. Feeling very tired and hungry. Wrote letter to  
 Mr. Boyle. Went to bed at 9 p.m. and read for an hour. A  
 grand day. I should have mentioned that mother is with me  
 here, but is going back home tomorrow.

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Dull at first but  
 sunny and warm later. Played two rounds of golf, morning  
 and afternoon, wearing kilt all the time. To bed early  
 again, feeling very tired.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Heavy rain this  
 morning made me decide to go back to bed after breakfast,  
 where I read till 1 p.m. After lunch, the weather now being  
 dry, but dull, went for another long walk, at least 6  
 miles. Wrote to Molly and also to Stirling regarding  
 proposed visit there tomorrow. After tea, another 6 mile  
 walk in lovely cool weather. To bed at 9.30 p.m., very tired.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. Glorious sunny day.  
 Left with Mrs. Stewart at 11 a.m. for Stirling to visit great-  
 Aunt Mary and grandmother, who is staying with her at present.  
 Spent a quiet afternoon with them and walked by myself to  
 Stirling Castle for a look around. Returned at 7 p.m. with

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. Another fine day. Hugh Alexander and went with him in morning to see Mr. Mill of Mr. Grigor Donald & Co. at their office in St. Vincent. It was arranged that I should become apprenticed to firm and I am to start there tomorrow morning. Very tired. In the afternoon saw "Are We Civilised?", a film which left the answer in no doubt. Stayed at home in evening as feeling rather tired and must be ready tomorrow.

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Left home at 9.15 a.m. arrived at Mr. Grigor Donald & Co's office at exactly 10 a.m. Was introduced at length by a Mr. Sharp to all the lots of the staff individually - all 60 of them! Thereafter I drifted in to the work of the Department to which I have been assigned and which does general Trust work. The partner in charge is Mr. Hugh R. Buchanan (senior partner of the firm). His Assistant is Mr. Webb. As compared with Mr. Boyle's office, the size of this place amazes me and the quantity of documents etc. is overwhelming. I felt very tired again so stayed at home. I don't know why I feel so tired these days. But pleased that will earn ten shillings a week for first year.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Second day in the office, and feeling a little more confident. Had my first opportunity to do something directly for Mr. Buchanan. At 4 p.m. went to see Tim [redacted] and we went to the Leica Exhibition photographs in The Macmillan Galleries. After that we saw "65 Nights in Hollywood", and "Love Time" (a story of Schubert's life) in La Scala.

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Very mild weather again. Did not feel so tired today. I think my recent tiredness may have been due to working again after relaxing on holiday last week. Aunt Helen and Uncle Louis called on us in the evening - and I arranged to play golf with her on Monday at Bathurst. At 9.30 p.m. went to see Hamilton and played Bridge for an hour with him, Terry and a Mr. Quigley. Asked them to come to see me next Wednesday night.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May. A fine sunny morning. Spent my time in office sorting out old Title Deeds. After dinner went to play tennis with Ansari and had a good game inspite of the considerable heat. Then paid a visit to grandparents at Park Road. After tea went to Club where Daroga was giving

at next Saturday's Mock Trial. Wrote to Ella about game of tennis. Am surprised that I have not yet had from Molly in reply to my letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Very warm again. Went up to Club at 1 p.m. in time to see them putting for the Club Picnic - a glorious weather. Called grandmother in afternoon and then sat reading in silence till 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. left for Maria Brennan's Birthday Party in Kilmarnock. There were 23 people there and things were quite hilarious when I left with Bethia Hay and two others in a taxi at 11.30 p.m. Arrived home, very tired, at 2 a.m.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. In spite of the fine weather I was not tempted out of doors today until 8.30 p.m. when I went to the Club. Later, called on Terby and found her in a pretty depressed state of mind. She and Hamilton are going through a trying time and I shouldn't be surprised if they part soon, as likewise Captain and Mrs. who spend most of the time quarrelling with each other. What a world of strife and dissension!

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. After a bright start, weather became dull and cold. Met Ella in St. Vincent Street at 5.30 p.m. and arranged to see her at 9 p.m. After tea played tennis with Jim [redacted] and then went to Picture House Café and met Ella who had been seeing the film there. Saw her off by train to Hamilton at 10.30 p.m. Heavy rain this evening.

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Very busy day in office and consequently rather tired at night. Grandparents (never) visited us in evening, also Aunt Chrissie, whom I have not seen for several months. Will play golf with her on 27<sup>th</sup>. I am still wondering why I do not hear from Molly. Am reading "Grey Granite", the last of Gibbons' novels known as "A Scots Quair". Excellent writing.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. A very wet and disagreeable day, impounding at night. After tea just stayed at home and read and played the piano. I feel very lethargic these days to exert myself after tea-time. Wrote letters regarding the Bell and Clark Bursaries which I intend to compete for and, I hope, benefit from. Have idea for new piece of music.

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ment) today for signature by the partners of the firm  
myself. I also got involved in preparing Discharges of the  
two fellows who have now completed their three  
years. At night felt very disinclined to do anything. For  
thing, I am quite broke. Listened to wireless, read  
"Diaries" and went to bed at 10.30 p.m. What a life!  
It'd be so bad if I was swotting for an exam -  
which there are none in prospect at present. I hope things  
change when Molly comes.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Very uneventful.  
Just work, or rather, attendance at office, and  
was too broke to go anywhere, except the Club. Talked  
to Alford there and almost agreed to go with him on a  
trip to Germany. During evening, got on with  
the tune which I am working on at present. That is  
what keeps me amused these days.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Empire Day holiday.  
Spent most of day which was pretty depressing seeing  
the weather is so fine. At night went up to Club and,  
as no one there, sat reading "Holy Deadlock" by A.P.  
At 9.30 p.m. went to see Terry and listened to her  
tales of woe for a while.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Phoned Mr. Webster  
arranged to see them on Tuesday. In afternoon went with  
them to Regal Cinema and saw "The Old Curiosity Shop" - an  
awful picture. Weather really beautiful today. Sat in  
Inglewood Park reading for an hour after tea and then went  
out where the lady members put on a very enjoyable enter-  
tainment.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. After a lazy morning  
spent at 3 p.m. to Scotstounhill Tennis Court and settled  
down with my book in a shady nook. Returned home at  
noon and at 7 p.m. went to Club and heard a very interesting  
and amusing talk by J.T. Wilson on "The Scottish Clans."  
I am now on to my 5<sup>th</sup> musical composition.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. Good weather continues.  
This evening left office and went out to Aunt Chrissie's at  
Newlands. We played golf at Whitecraigs and had a very  
enjoyable game, which I won 5 up with 3 to play. I  
played very well in places. Met Hugh and Cathie in Clubhouse

what fatuous conversations Clubmen seem to produce.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. Warm and sunny. At lunch time went to Club to discuss the "Ten League" Pledge with the other 12 Leaguers, thus missing the 13. At 5.30 p.m. went out to Lenzie where I spent a pleasant evening, chiefly playing Bridge. Molly is back home on Sunday. Returned to Glasgow with Mr. Cawson in his car and helped him to load some wood from woods at Dobbies Loan before going home at midnight.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. A quiet day in. At night went to Terences' with the other "Ten Year members" to have a group photograph taken - 13 altogether. Then went on to Club and played billiards. Then Hamilton's for short game of Bridge with him, Terry, Tim. Pledge forms being signed all round tonight, fixing us all to meet in the Club exactly 10 years to say from this date. But the paper is of very poor quality and I hesitate to think what it (or we) will be like in 10 years. (See Appendix I )

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. Pay day. Should have been a very happy occasion but turned out sadly, because of a quarrel at home with mother over money, & very low as a result. At night went to play tennis with Jim Hutton at his club (Whittinghame Drive) and had a very good game. Met an old school friend there - Stanley Hamill. Jim goes on holiday tomorrow.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. Nothing much doing during day. At night sat in Park in warm sunshine reading "And Quiet Flows the Don". Later went to Club where preparations were being made for Datoga's "send off". After coffee in the Eldon, saw him off rather hilariously to London on the 10.30 p.m. train. Chatted with Captain thereafter till midnight.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Long morning in office. Found that Indenture was invalid because it had been signed before being stamped instead of after! What a damned nuisance. In afternoon went to see Tom Walls and Ralph Lynn in "A Cup of Kindness". At 6 p.m. left for Eastha Tennis Club where played with Sam N. Peterson. Very good game. Afterwards, Bridge in Club house then home at 11.30 pm.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. A beautiful day. Met Mollie at 2.30 p.m. and found her in garden. We had tea at Kirkintilloch and returned for tea at 6 p.m. After tea we played ping-pong for a time and then had the opportunity to sit and talk together. A very happy day. Left for home by 11.59 p.m. train.

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July. Spent the day very quietly at home, the sweet dream of yesterday still lingering. Read a good deal of "The Shipbuilders", which I am enjoying. At 3 p.m. went to Station to see grandmother off by train on my way to Harris.

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. Holiday today. Rose at dinner time. In afternoon went with mother to Paramount and "Ten Minute Alibi", which thought very good. After went to Club and accompanied some of the boys to "Half-Eight" show at King's Theatre, which did not think much of.

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Back to work again, an uninteresting day in office. Weather dull but mild. Night stayed in to do some work. Heard a very good show by George West on wireless. Thereafter reading "The Shipbuilders" which, I continue to enjoy.

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. Looking forward day to seeing Mollie again tonight. Met her at 7 p.m. and to Theatre Royal where we had a very enjoyable evening of "The Twelve Pound Look" (J.M. Barrie) and "Passing of the Road" (Brandon Thomas). Laughed heartily. No time for coffee after show, but a tender farewell at Station.

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Fairly busy day in office. Called at Mr. Boyle's office at 5.30 p.m. and found office had been nicely redecorated. After tea making preparations for various departures — Mum and Dad on holiday to Portpatrick, Uncle to Aunt Meg's at Woodlands Drive, and myself to grandmother at Park Road. Transported our cat to Park Road this evening.

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. Had lunch at Park Road, which is my temporary abode now. Weather very bad at night. Went with Aunt Kate to Gem Cinema and saw "Unfinished Symphony", a film of Schubert's life, which

ained some very fine singing, as would be expected.

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. Quiet morning in office. Left at 1 p.m. with Hugh \_\_\_\_\_ to play golf as it was so windy, went with him instead to see "West of Suez". After tea at Newlands, the wind having abated a little, we played golf at Whitecraig and managed to have a good game.

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Left for Lenzie at 9 a.m. in fine weather and found Mr. Wotherpoon engaged in painting. We played Croquet in afternoon and Badminton night in the garden. Rained off the day with a game of Solitaire. Managed to see Holly on Tuesday and got back to Park Road 11.35 p.m., very tired.

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. First day in office as Mr. Buchanan's chief assistant, Mr. Webb have gone on holiday. Got on very well, and was kept busy. At night went see Auseki and Aunt Meg (with whom he is living) and spent hour there. Picked up a good copy of "Currie on Confirmation Executors" today quite cheap. Early to bed - 11 p.m.

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Fine weather today, little to do in office, so feeling a bit fed up. Letter from Portpatrick. Met Holly at 7 p.m. and went to see "The Mighty Barnum" at Paramount. Said a fond goodbye after coffee in the Ceylon. Called on Tim \_\_\_\_\_ who has just returned after week end holiday and collected pocket book and lighter which I had left in his flat.

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. After office went out to Whitecraig to collect a coat which I had left there on Saturday and then to Cathie's for tea, after which we went to Theatre Royal and saw "There's Always Juliet" by John Van Druten. Fine acting but play flagged a bit towards end.

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. Weather dull and cold today. After tea went to Aunt Meg's to borrow her camera and say goodbye. Then returned to Park Road at 9.30 p.m., had a bath, and packed my trunk for my departure to Portpatrick tomorrow. Started reading "Black Mischief" by Evelyn Waugh.

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July. Stopped work at lunch and, after collecting my baggage at Park Road, caught a bus to Stranraer, which took 4 hours, mostly through Mother and father met me there and we went together another bus to Portpatrick, which we reached at 9 p.m. The Hotel House seems quite comfortable but I am disappointed and that the only other residents are four "old maids".

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. Early morning rain set in and we went to play golf on the Dunskey Course, this is quite near the village, and is reasonably good. Spent afternoon looking around Portpatrick, which is quaint and attractively situated, with a fine big harbour. The sea front, however, apart from the harbour, is very rugged and rocky. Went for a walk at night met Willie McVinch from Argyll, I hadn't seen since we were at School. We talked and chatted till midnight, but when I got home I found the folk were in consternation, having decided that I must have fallen over a cliff!

Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July. Rose very late this morning, just in time to get down for lunch at 1 p.m. In afternoon went for a walk with another resident, a Mr. Colman, to Sandeel Bay where we bathed, had tea, and climbed the cliffs. This Bay has one of the rare stretches of sand in this part of the coast, and is, therefore, a very popular place. Got back about 7 p.m. for tea. Weather quite good today.

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Spent all these days together because they were days of unbroken warm sunshine when I enjoyed myself to the full, playing golf, walking on the cliffs, swimming in the harbour where the water was always warm and clear, and exploring the land around the village.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Left Portpatrick reluctantly in bright sunshine at 5.30 p.m. and caught 6 p.m. bus for Glasgow at Stranraer, arriving about 9.40 p.m. Got home to find Ansari there and also Tim Hutton and Tom, and I much appreciated their company as I had been feeling a little sad because my holiday had come to an end.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August. A warm day and it felt rather oppressive after my week at the seaside. Met Holly at 6.30 p.m. and went to the Paramount Cinema where

had a Walls-Lynn farce, "Fighting Stock". After  
falling off on train, discovered that I had left my coat  
cottage!

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. A rather dull day.  
Spent at home reading at random from various books;  
finished reading "Black Mischief". Should have been  
some work for Bursary exam, but did not feel so inclined.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. -  
holiday. Left Glasgow for Balfour on Monday after-  
and stayed in the house of a Miss McDougall, as Mrs.  
I was not able to accommodate me. Monday and Tuesday  
these days, spent chiefly walking and reading. Finished  
"Miss All" by Eric Linklater. On Wednesday, Molly  
came by car and we had a lovely day, picnicking in  
the woods near Lock Ard and returning about 9 p.m. to  
her in Balfour. After she had left I felt that I didn't  
stay much longer and decided to leave on Friday.

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August. Returned to Glasgow  
at 10 p.m. bus-accompanied by Grandmother (Mrs.) who had  
been staying with Mrs. Stewart since Tuesday. Was quite  
to be back in Glasgow, although two days earlier than  
I collected Portpatrick photographs at Showists and was  
introduced with them. Went to Mitchell Library at night and  
some work, but spent some time talking with Archie  
Hill.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Went this morning  
to office of John Stewart & Gillies in West George Street, agents  
for Bell Booksellers, and made copies of some previous exam  
paper. Phoned Mr. Wetherpoon and found that Molly had gone  
to Warwick. In afternoon saw "Anne of Green Gables", a good  
book. At night stayed at home and listened to First Promenade  
on wireless - Paderewski played Polish Fantasia con-

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. A fine day.  
Afternoon spent reading "Taunenbäke" by George Webber,  
and doing some exam work. At 8 p.m. called at Mrs. Reid's  
house and found an assortied company engaged in playing  
pantomime. Heard that Captain's mother had arrived in Glasgow  
tonight from Bombay. Will no doubt be meeting her soon.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Returned to work morning in bright sunshine and was well occupied. Stayed home in evening to work. Started reading "Some Do Not" Ford Maddox Ford.

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. Phone call from Wotherspoon inviting me there tonight. Left Glasgow by train and spent a pleasant evening playing croquet and the Molly's Uncle Johnny, a little boozed 'colonial' there also. Arranged to see Molly on Saturday night. Weather great. Met Mr. Boyle in town today and he told me Mrs. he had just had a daughter. Wrote her with congratulations.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. Met Tim Hutton coffee in Hub at 4.30 pm and promised to see him again Friday. At night got on with some work at home. Wanted to hear Bach's Brandenburg Concerto on wireless but had to go away to mother who insisted on hearing a rather poor so-called "Radiolympia." Wrote to Law Faculty Adviser Studies about my Law Degree course.

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. Established a record today by walking to and from the office all day. At night worked at home and listened to Promenade Concert - Ravel and Debussy. Early to bed - 11 pm.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. Weather very poor today. At night Tim Hutton called and we played Bridge. Also heard Beethoven Concert on wireless. Went up to Club at 10 p.m. but no one there as this was the night of Ahmed's farewell Party in The Gainsborough. Looked in there briefly on way home and then continued reading "Some Do Not."

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August. Weather very sultry. Spent afternoon at club and then met Molly in town at 6 p.m. Tried to get in to Regal to see "David Copperfield" but "House Full". Went to La Scala instead and saw "Bride of Frankenstein" which was pretty poor. Had coffee afterwards and a pleasant talk in Miss Bucks' Restaurant and Molly got the 11 p.m. bus home. Gave her the present of a watch-lighter tonight.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. Worked in afternoon then played Bridge with Tim, Anwar and mother till

when went up to the Club and spent rest of the day there. Warm weather continues.

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. Still sultry. Received three letters today (1) to Molly to meet me on Friday (2) to Mohammed Shah and (3) to his brother Sayyid (Mohammed having gone back to Afghanistan). Very welcome present of a watch today from mother. Went to Club with Jim Hutton and talked for a while there with Willie Groulx.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August. This weather makes working in the office very unpleasant. Spent evening at home and listening to Haydn - Regal Promenade Concert. Went to Club at 10 p.m. and made some interesting observations on Ethiopian problems from Hannah Greig, who has been out there. I don't see so many of the old crowd at the Club now.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August. On way home from office met Maria and Nettie and talked to them for a while. Worked at home at night and listened to Brahms Promenade Concert. Feel that I am making good progress with exam work. Later went up to Club and talked to Laurie Isaac. Got home about 11 p.m.

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Quite busy day in office. Met Molly at 6.30 p.m. at Regal Cinema and saw "David Copperfield" which we enjoyed very much. Had coffee in Regal Café and a walk in town afterwards. A beautiful warm night. Molly wearing a sleeveless frock, no coat. Saw her off at Station, going on train myself as far as Bowlands. This was out last night out for a while as she returns to Denmark soon.

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Had coffee with Jim Hutton at 5 p.m. in Grosvenor. Continued working at home at night and listened to Beethoven Promenade Concert. At 10.30 p.m. walked downtown and met Jim. Had coffee with him in Unity Club and played Ping-Pong there. Home about midnight and listened to wireless until 1 a.m.

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August. Bursary Exam four weeks from today. Went to Club in afternoon and then

after at St. Enoch Station, where we got the 4.15 p.m. to Glasgow where we looked around to find a suitable place for our holiday in September. This done we had dinner to eat in Nardini's Restaurant and got the 10.10 p.m. train to Glasgow. Had to walk home from the station, getting there about midnight.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Working at home all afternoon when Tim called, then Terry and later Captain. Played Bridge till 6 p.m. and I arranged to meet Captain and his mother tonight. So I went to the Grosvenor Hotel, where he is staying, and enjoyed talking with them until 10.30 p.m. Captain impressed me a lot. She wore Indian dress and spoke excellent English.

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August. Raining most of the day. Stayed in at night and made good progress with my studies. Played Bridge from 11 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August. Left for Leuzig at 5.40 p.m. in fine weather. Played Ping-Pong with Molly over tea. Later Mr Wotherspoon and Ansari arrived in his car (Ansari's). Bade farewell to Molly who goes back to Denmark on Friday and left for Glasgow with Ansari at 12.15 a.m. Molly showed me a portrait of herself in oils which had been painted recently, and I thought it a good likeness.

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. Dull day in office. At night met Tim [redacted] and we went to La Scala to see "Wat Point of the Ait". Then to Unity Club where we had coffee and played Ping-Pong till 11.30 p.m. I wish Molly were in Denmark. It is a case of so near and yet so far just now.

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August. Felt the day very long and uninteresting. Did a lot of work at night and went to bed at 11 p.m. feeling pretty tired. Have now been 4 months in Mc Gregor Donald & C.

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August. Busy in office about Fishing Rights of Moncreiffe Estate. Molly phoned in the morning to say goodbye just before her departure. Sad to think I shall not speak to her again for 4 months. Stayed at home again at night to work. Also listened to Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 - played by Lev Poushnikoff.

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. Cheered up by a letter from Molly this morning enclosing negative of a photograph of herself which I took at Tetone's, to have a good print made. In afternoon went with mother to Kent Cinema and saw "The Scarlet Pimpernel". At night on Tetty and Hamilton and played Bridge till 1.30 p.m.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Our relationship with Babu at home has been deteriorating for some time as he has been coming and going at very irregular hours and, in fact, did not turn up until midday today after having gone yesterday evening. No explanations are offered. Mother early feels aggrieved. We broached the subject with Babu today and it seems likely that he may choose to leave the near future. I would feel very sorry should he do so. After doing some work in afternoon, I went to the Kent night and then to Grosvenor Hotel hoping to see Captain and Schli, but they were not in. Home at 10 p.m.

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Suffering from a cold and not enjoying the cold showery weather. Had a busy day in office. Met Harley Cunningham and had coffee with him. Stayed at home at night working for exam. Went to Club at 9 p.m. but found no one there. It is very quiet these days. Got back home at 10 p.m. and early to bed.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Cold worse today and weather still poor. Called in on Harley this morning and walked into town with him. Went to Mitchell Library at night with intention of working - but after a short time went to King's Cinema and saw a good Polish film - "Young Love".

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. Passed the day fairly enough and at 5.30 pm. walked home in the company of George Roxburgh from the office. After tea went with mother to Kent Cinema and saw a fine picture - "The Old Fashioned Way" (W.C.Fields). Afterwards wrote letters to Molly and Mr. and Mrs. Webster soon.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. Still suffering from cold. Called on Adviser of Studies and discussed my Law course. Called on grandparents at Park Road in evening and then at Club where collected some mathematics books from Ashford to help me for the exam. Rather uneventful life just now.

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Met Jim at 8 p.m. and went with him to La Scala where Seymour Hicks in "Mr. What's his Name". Afterwards Harry Club and home about midnight. I really must get down to work again. Exam only two weeks from day.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Expected to Molly's photograph today but disappointed to find it not ready. In afternoon went to Club and spent hours with Matta and Gill, talking and enjoying fine weather. After tea, to Club again and found it little populated by the women members. Later called in Terry and Hamilton and played Bridge there till 10 p.m.

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Another fine day. Went to Club in afternoon and played Ping Pong. After tea, had a slight headache which discontinued me from doing any work, so had a rest and then went to Club again, returning at 9.30 p.m. feeling much better. Talked with Captain for a few minutes at the Club. He was full of bitter comments, which seems to be normal for him these days.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September. A bright but cold day. Mr. Webb on holiday, which allowed me to move a few ups in office, but had a quiet day. Felt rather dull and in hope of being cheered up, went to Gem Cinema after tea but had to endure two third rate films. Wrote a postcard to Molly explaining reason for delay in returning negative.

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Busy in office today. Mr. Buchanan threw me out a draft Minute of Meeting of Directors to put into final form. At night stayed in till 9.15 p.m. working at maths. and then went to Club. Met Ashford and S. Khan there and walked with them to Charing Cross. Home by 11 p.m. and straight to bed.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Fairly busy day in office. Stayed in all night and worked for 3 hours. I now feel that I have a reasonable grasp of the exam subjects, and am hoping that, with luck, I may pull it off. Got Molly's photograph today - 10" x 8". Colour, perhaps a little too strong, but otherwise very good. Wrote letter to her enclosing the negative.

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September. Quiet afternoon. I slipped out and had coffee with Tim \_\_\_\_\_ in Leith at 4.45 p.m. Paid visit to Dentist at 5.30 and that I had several teeth requiring attention. Working home again all evening.

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September. Supposedly a busy day, but nothing amiss. After a busy morning and doing in office in afternoon. To Dentist again at 3.30 p.m. Went to Gem Cinema at night and watched the "Beautiful Weather", with full moon. Did not hear the Wetherspoon today as expected.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Spent morning drawing up Minutes of Meeting of Trustees. In evening met Tim Hutton and went to see "Baboon" and "Gins at Forty". To the Club at night and then to Belmont Street (Mrs. Reid's). Terry, Margaret (Krafft's) and I, ate, and we played Bridge. Home about 1 a.m.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Did some work in the morning. After lunch, played Bridge till 4.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. went to Lenzie and, after tea, talked and played Bridge till 11 p.m. Molly's brother, Ian, starts night classes at High School tomorrow and commences Apprenticeship in carpentry in October.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. A very wet day. Met Archie Campbell and went with him to Arlington where played Billiards. Worked at home from 8.30 to midnight. This exam means so much to me financially.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Fairly busy in office. At night Tim arrived and we played Bridge, but it was interrupted by visit from the Mac persons. After departure of visitors, worked for two hours.

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. Dull, wet weather continues. Impatiently waiting for letter from Molly. Attended Dentist again at 5.30 p.m. and shall have to have further treatment. These are pretty uninteresting and uneventful days.

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. After a night of very heavy rain, more rain throughout the day. Did not

inclined to work at night, so went to see "It's a Gift" - Fields - at few cinema. Very disappointing.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Bell Bursary day. Started at 10.30 a.m. and finished at 5 p.m. The Maths paper particularly difficult. I am very anxious about the outcome, but must continue to hope. Night called at 9 Belmont Street and played Bridge with Margaret and Hamilton till 11 p.m.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Ansari got about midday today, having gone to Fiji with Tim last Friday. Having nothing better to do this afternoon went Pictures, and wasted my time. To Club at night and there met Fehoni who is here on holiday from Egypt. Had supper with in Berkeley Restaurant at 11 p.m. Had nice letter from Holly today.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Played Bridge afternoon with Tim and others. Tim Hutton called at 6 p.m. we went to the Club. Home early preparing for next week's holiday.

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Holiday in Largs this week. Weather very good for the most part. Played golf on Wednesday and Thursday, and enjoyed it as I was playing fairly well. We were fortunate in lodging with a Mrs. Whyte at "Kensington", Cunningham Drive, which we found very comfortable. Nothing of much interest happened during our stay, which I enjoyed nevertheless, and I felt all the better for it. On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> called on John Ratcliffe and had tea with him and his sister, and, as usual, a great deal of interesting conversation. I came away with several books from his library - "Straight and Crooked Thinking" (Thouless) "Commonsense Philosophy" (C.E.M. Joad) "Use of Leisure" (De Lisle Butrus) - and "Reminiscences" (Ernest Rhys and E.F. Benson).

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. Very stormy weather for our departure from Largs. Left by 7.28 train bringing with us a little black kitten which mother had acquired during our stay. The poor little thing did not take kindly to rail travel. Glad to be home, especially because of my piano and wireless, which I very much missed.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. A fine, crisp day for

month. Returned to work as usual and spent in a not interesting day in the office. At night went to Savoy Cinema to see "Les Miserables" which was really excellent. There was passable Variety Show and a film of the Max Baer v Joe Louis fight, plus a Walt Disney cartoon. A very enjoyable evening.

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A very wet day. Stayed in and wrote letter to Molly. Also listened to de Concert and then read "Reminiscences", New Verse News, and burie on "Confirmation of Executors", a mixed bag! My application for a Carnegie grant in anticipation of my University Term next week.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Bad weather. Passed the day busily enough in office. At night called and we went to Regal Cinema and saw "Hell's Bells", which was reasonably good. Heard today that Italy & Abyssinia were now at war. Wrote to Molly and got to office midnight.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. Carnegie grant of £100 this morning, and very welcome. After tea John Duff from Largs called and stayed chatting for a couple of hours. Walked down to St Enoch Station with him at 9 p.m. then went to Club. Met Grubb and Ashford there and coffee with them in the Berkeley.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Spent most of the day paying Glass Enrollment Fees at University. Met a foreign student there, Kasum [redacted] (Indian) who is here to study Law. Had coffee with him in Copland's. Afternoon went with Tim and Ansari to see "Kid Millions". At night to Club where met George [redacted], just back from America and had long conversation with him.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. In afternoon Cathie & her two children called at 4 p.m. and they (the children) kept up a continuous racket until they left at 5 p.m. Arrived at 5.30 and we played Bridge till 7 p.m. After tea went to visit grandparents, also Aunt Meg, and got to bed very early.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. Got news today that had been unsuccessful in Bursary Exam - not altogether

ated, I must admit. Visited Dentist again at 5.30 p.m.  
tea went to Club for Committee meeting which lasted till  
and went quite well. Rumour is that Captain will  
leave Glasgow soon.

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. First attendance at  
Law Class - 8.30 a.m. Saw a goodly number of "Kenit  
there. Professor Dewar Gibb's manner of lecturing seemed  
wonderful. To office when class finished at 9.30, but not  
done there. At night went to Green Cinema and saw  
"in Pawn" and "Lady of the Boulevard". Reading interesting  
book on Jurisprudence - "The Science of Law" by Sheldon Ames -  
borrowed from library.

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Miserable wet  
day. Quite busy in office. Attended Class of Jurisprudence  
4 to 5 p.m. Went to Mitchell Library at night to commence  
man's study.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. Bad weather again  
At night met Tim \_\_\_\_\_ and went with him to Picture  
to see "Bulldog Jack". Home at 9.30 p.m. to study the  
lectures which I find very interesting. I am pleased to  
be studying law. Wish I could get more text books, but they  
are so expensive.

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. After morning Class  
(Scots Law) - called in at Club and chatted there for a short  
time before going to office. To Mitchell Library at night to work.  
Left at 9.40 p.m. and walked home with George Kirk. News today  
that Italian troops have been defeated at Adowa. Things are  
moving fast now and League of Nations Sanctions are expected  
soon.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Quiet morning in  
office. Phoned Mr. Wotherspoon. In afternoon went to Playhouse  
and was thoroughly bored by some very poor pictures. At night,  
to Club where everything is being got ready for the opening  
of the new session. Captain bade us all goodbye but was not  
very informative about his future. He seems to be going home to  
Bombay for an indefinite period.

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October. At 5.30 p.m. went  
to visit Hugh and Cathie at Newlands and had tea with them.  
Had a pleasant evening there and borrowed Erskine's "Principles

laws of Scotland." Got home through a terrific thunderstorm from. Have recently seen two books in Second Hand Shop to Mitchell Library, which I would like to buy - "Intestate Union" by J. Walker (2/-) and "Master and Servant" by Weston (2/-) - when funds are available.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Very busy all day classes and office. Working at night in Mitchell till 9.45 p.m. I hope I shall be able to cope successfully with that lies before me this year, and next.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Usual routine classes and office. Picked up a copy of T. S. Eliot's "The Rock" today for 6/- I am finding the company of students in the Scots Law Class very congenial and fitting to know quite a number who are apprentices in City firms.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Fine weather. Visited Dentist at 5.30 p.m. and at 7.30 went to Club Committee Meeting. Captain has now left Glasgow. After meeting went with Grubbs and Ashford for coffee in Berkeley and got home at midnight. Then studied till 2 a.m. Such "nights off" are disturbing my work routine, and there are more to come.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Went tonight to University Union where Club was holding its Anniversary Meeting. Sir Alexander B. Swan in the Chair. Afterwards went up to Club and returned home with Ian Bowman in his car through torrents of rain. Did a little "late work".

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Left for Largs by train at 5.44 p.m. in a deluge of rain, my first visit there for quite a long time. Left for home at 11 p.m. in a storm of wind and rain which increased in intensity throughout the night and caused a lot of damage. I shall have to try to reduce the number of "nights off" I have been having.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. A very welcome letter from Melly today. Went in afternoon to see "Roberta", a film consisting for the most part of fashion parades, singing and dancing. At 7.30 pm. went to a Party at 9 Belmont Street, (Mrs. Reid's) and had a jolly time till 3 a.m.

at 5.30 p.m. for 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture on Estate Duties, and continued  
at home in evening.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Good news. Letter  
Edinburgh confirming that convocating date of my  
matriculation is 1<sup>st</sup> May! Much relieved. But otherwise  
unremarkable day, ending with study session in Library.

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. Met Jim Hutton  
afternoon, but soon returned home to get on with some  
on Jurisprudence. Went to Club at 7 p.m. and then  
Cafeteria Sim at 8 p.m. and took her to Dance at the Union  
where we had an enjoyable time. Saw her off to King's  
on the Rutherford Train at 11.30 p.m.

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Spent most of  
day indoors working. Went to Club at 7.30 p.m. and  
Mr. Morrison giving his opinion on the Versailles Treaty.  
quiet affair. The Club does not seem so lively these days,  
perhaps the fault is mine. Feeling the strain today of last  
the dancing.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. A little more to do  
office today. Went down to George Square for the Armistice  
ceremony at 11 a.m. At night to Mitchell Library where spent the  
reading Salmon's "Jurisprudence". Later went to Berkeley  
where met (1) George Kirk, whom I chatted to for a while  
Harley Cunningham, with whom I had a literary discussion  
(2) Vivienne Wood who broached the subject of another Party,  
regarding which I refrained from giving any encouragement.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Another uneventful  
day in office. Had been hoping for a letter from Nelly, but  
nothing yet. After tea, could not reconcile myself to work  
so went to Gem Cinema, returning home at 9 p.m. To find house  
filled with Auntie and grandmother (McIver) busily engaged in  
a "Sewing Circle": more talk than sewing, it seemed to me. So  
I retired to get on with some Scots Law.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. A fine sunny  
morning but no letter. When I came home for lunch, however,  
there was one awaiting me with Danish postmark, which cheered  
me considerably. A nice little photograph was enclosed. At  
night, stayed at home and did some work. Also read part  
of Stephen Spender's "Short History of our Times".

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. An unusually day in office. Did not feel like going home at lunch so went to Craig's in Gordon Street. At night went with to Paramount and saw "Crusade," a very spect film. In the Café afterwards met my cousin Doreen friend of hers and had a nice chat with them.

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November. A very wet day, late at office, not getting home till 6 p.m. After tea to Mitchell Library and confined myself to reading wood's "Jurisprudence". Met Archie Campbell who is still owing in the mazes of Divinity. Home and to bed in good, feeling pretty tired after a busy day.

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. A fine morning. To Jerome's and had photograph taken, which got at 1.15 p.m. me look fat and fierce! In afternoon went with mother bought a bookcase (which I badly need) at Stump's in Chisholm Street. After tea to Club where heard Professor Gregor speaking. Home by 10.30 p.m. to continue reading under, and some board.

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. Spent afternoon with books and heard "King Richard III" on wireless. After tea called in at 9 Belmont Street and then to Club at 7.30 p.m. to their meeting addressed by Dr. Petrie from Aden. There is a much changed atmosphere in the Club nowadays. Perhaps Captain's departure has lowered the temperature somewhat.

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. Meal Monday - no classes. (Fortunately we don't have to bring our bag of meal to University!). Went to King's Theatre at 4 p.m. and saw "The Brothers Karamazov", a German film of Dostoevsky's novel. Very sombre but excellently acted. Perhaps just a little too much "Camer Art" in places. Stayed in at night to work, but concentration somewhat lacking.

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Busy day again, what with classes and office, so feeling quite tired at night, which almost, but not altogether, prevented me going to Library and doing a considerable amount of work. Phoned Hugh today and asked him if he could let me have an old Parliament House Book, which he readily agreed to do. This will be helpful as it contains extracts from most of the Acts of Parliament of general legal interest.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. Hardly keeping a diary of these uneventful days. Went to this evening and worked at Jurisprudence till At home spent some time re-adjusting shelves of my case in an attempt to get all my books in to it, but not succeed.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. Busy day principally occupied in ascertaining the proper periods of termination of various kinds of leases. Attended Estate Lecture in Faculty Hall at 5.30 p.m. and after tea went University Union for International Club Concert which was successful. Then studied at home till 1 a.m.

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Jurisprudence Finished at 5 pm. and feel that I have done fairly well the paper presented no real difficulties. After tea went mother to Theatre Royal to see Pantheon Club production "That's a Good Girl", a musical comedy. Jim Hutton was in clowns. Didn't think too highly of the performance, particularly singing but, after all, they are Amateurs.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Miserable weather rain today. In afternoon went to see "Dante's Inferno" at Picture House and thought it very good. After tea, to club we had an enjoyable evening, including a Party Games session. later, called on Terry and Hamilton and played Bridge with them till 3 a.m. Walked home through a snowstorm.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Snow and rain today. Reading "Soldier's Pay" by William Faulkner. Visited grandparents afternoon there to Club at 5 p.m. Met a Mr. Ghosh there and bought him home for tea. Had a pleasant evening chatting to him till 10 p.m., when he left. I went back to the Club for an hour.

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Cold and wet again. Felt too tired this morning to get up in time for 8.30 a.m. Class (Scots Law). Quite busy in office. Stayed in at night reading and attempting to solve a Crossword Puzzle in newspaper, First Prize £250. Which reminds me of my Bursary money, which can't come soon enough. Have been invited to another Dance tomorrow by Aunt Kate.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Pretty busy day. After tea donned evening dress and went with Kate to the Dance

etc. Didn't know anyone there so found it a bit dull after midnight when things brightened up considerably at 2.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Feeling rather listless, not surprisingly. Instead of going home for tea had a few biscuits and went to Craerton's Picture House instead. Saw part only of "Becky Sharp". Hungry in afternoon used to get a cup of tea in office, for the first time since June over 7 months ago! What a contrast with Mr. Boyle's where tea is always "on tap." Seems that only partners and staff are supposed to qualify for tea here. Stayed home at night played a little Bridge and read some of "Soldier's Pay".

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Tim [redacted] at 6.30 p.m. and we went to Paramount to see "Private Life" which was very good. Tim may be leaving for London to take up an appointment in the Bank of Scotland there. Miss him.

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Two letters this morning, one from Molly which I read with great pleasure, and one from John Stewart & Gillies informing me that my money would be paid next Thursday, which I read with great satisfaction. Tim [redacted] informed me today that he will be leaving on Sunday. At night went with Mother and Kate to Gem Cinema and saw "Gay Divorce". Extremely cold.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Walked down town afternoon trying to spot suitable and affordable Christmas gifts. Had coffee in La'do's. Went to Club after tea and had a cheerful evening there with a large company of members and friends.

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Very inclement weather today, so stayed indoors, not even venturing out at night to the Club. Read a lot of Edwin Muir's "Scottish Journey" which is most interesting, and helped mother to do her Crossword Puzzle.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Fairly well occupied office today. Learned that I had got 78% in Jurisprudence, which was very satisfactory. There will be changes in office as I hear that Mr. Webb will be leaving soon. At night went up to Club

chatted with Martha, Grubb and Rhoda for a while and went with them for chips at the Berkeley. Home about and reading "Scottish Tondney".

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Quiet day in. Am suffering from an annoying cold just now. At 7.30 a.m. went to Union for a Law Society meeting - a debate on v. Rankine (1934). Took part in the opening period quite well. Had a long talk afterwards with Alan St. John who is Precuator with Mc Gregor Donald & Co. A most interesting man!

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Collected Precept University Registrar to enable me to get payment of my money. At night got dressed up and left for Le Cachet at 8.15 p.m. to attend office Dance. Very pleasant - went home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back. Got home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back. Got home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back. Got home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back. Got home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back. Got home at 1.15 a.m. to find mother and Ansari back.

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. In afternoon called on John Stewart & Gillies and received £25, the first half of my Bursary. Bless my summer's work! At home handed over £100 of my windfall to mother. At night went up to Club for a short Committee meeting and then went to the Berkeley with them for tea. Continued reading "Scottish Tondney".

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Still suffering with the cold. Classes end today, for which I rejoice. After tea went to Gem Cinema, and finished day reading "Ariel" by Andre Maurois. Early to bed, feeling pretty tired, due to my cold, I suppose.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. A very wet day. Stayed at home all afternoon. At night went up to the Club and later to Fatah's place where we played Bridge till 2 a.m. Heard today that Hamilton is starting an Insurance job, and that Terry is leaving Mrs. Reid's.

Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Heavy snow in afternoon followed by rain. Terry and Hamilton called at 4.30 p.m. and we played Bridge most of the time till they left at 10 p.m. Should have done some work today, as it is becoming urgent again.

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. A dull day in office

Stayed in at night - to deal with all my lectures.  
"Scottish Bookman" a new periodical, and "World  
Life without literature would be unbearable."

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January. Bitterly cold  
Am beginning to feel very hard-up after the New Year  
treaties. Stayed at home working at night. It is going to  
be tough for the next two months.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. Freezing all  
day. Letter from Molly announcing her safe arrival. Busy again in  
Telephoned to Waterspoon and invited them to my  
Day Party.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. Busy all day.  
at office and working at home. Result of Scots Law  
somewhat disappointing. Shall have to do better.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> January. Snow as well  
as frost today. Worked for a while in Library after tea, then  
went to see "Naughty Harrietta" at the King's. Family away  
midnight matinee at Regal cinema, but I chose not to go.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January. Charities Day,  
but not participating this year. To office in morning, and in  
afternoon with mother to Tailor's to get measured for a Kilt  
Dress Suit. Thereafter to Mitchell Library to do a little work.  
At night went with Norman Wright to hear Scottish Orchestra  
in St. Andrew's Hall. Coffee in Berkely Restaurant thereafter.  
We met Robbie Nicol and his friend, Jean Wilkie.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Studied most of  
the day. At 8:30 p.m. visited grandparents at Park Road, then went  
to Club. Home by 10:30 p.m., and wrote to Molly. A very  
monotonous life at present.

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January. Snowed nearly  
all day. Town in an awful mess. Got word from Willie Neil  
that he would provide Band for my Party. Listening to wireless  
announcements throughout the day that the life of King George  
V is drawing to its close, until the final report at 11:55 p.m.  
that he had died. He had been King during the whole of my  
lifetime.

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January. Edward VII now

and all classes cancelled for today. Went to meeting in Club at night. Got home at 10.30 p.m. Worked until 1 a.m.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Terrible bitter cold and slushy. Edward VIII proclaimed King. Proclamation broadcast at night. To bed at 11 p.m.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. A fine sunny day. Not much doing in office, which enabled me to get some work done for exams. Attended Reid Law Lecture in Faculty of Law office, getting home at 6.45 p.m. Worked at home till late night.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January. The thought of again tonight did not appeal, so went to see T.M. "The Little Minister" which I found rather too sentimental. Worked to do a little work afterwards.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Learned that Metcalf (Largs) was patient in Western Infirmary so went to him at 4 p.m. From Infirmary to Tailor's at 5 p.m. for Dress Kilt. After tea worked for an hour or so in Library, and had to walk home in pouring rain.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. Studied at home all day, chiefly Twisfidence. Went to Club at night then to 9 Belmont Street where found that Margaret Wells was preparing to return to Germany. Went along with others to see her off on the London train. Shortly after that Hamilton Anderson who arrived by train from Torquay. Had him home with me for supper.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January. After office went to Lenzie and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mellerspoo, leaving by 11 p.m. train. Will go with them to pictures on Wednesday. No studies today. Will have to catch up for this tomorrow.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Holiday for King's funeral which took place at 1.30 p.m. Worked at Twisfidence 10.30 a.m. till 7.30 p.m. Thereafter went to Club for a couple of hours.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. After a busy office sat Jurisprudence exam from 4 to 5 p.m. and it not too bad. Met Mr. and Mrs. Wotherspoon in Town at 3 p.m. and went to see Grace Moore in "One Night of Love" at the Cinema. Home by 9 p.m. and doing some study.

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. Went to Faculty at 5.30 p.m. for Reid Law Lecture but found that it had been cancelled. Worked at home in evening on Scots Law and Forensic Law. Reading "College of Justice" by R. K. Hanney, a historical account of the Court of Session.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. To Mitchell Library right from 7 to 10 p.m. reading "Legal Medicine" by Professor ... Time has now come for sending out invitations to my party on 15<sup>th</sup> February. January seems to have passed in a flash and only three more months till Molly's return.

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Busy in office in morning and went out for a walk in afternoon but had to cut it short due to dreadful weather conditions. At night went to Club where Dr. and Mrs. Henderson gave a very enjoyable pianoforte recital.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Lovely sunny day but had to stay in all the time working, and writing and addressing Invitations to Party which caused some strife and argument at home - who should come, and who should not. Found relief in writing letter to Molly.

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. A bright, cold day. Very busy in office. Had lunch with Hugh Alexander in Whitehall Restaurant and a pleasant talk about things in general. Working at home all evening.

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. Very cold day. Working in office or at home all day and not enjoying it very much. Went to bed at 9.30 p.m. in order to keep warm and worked there till 11 p.m., when exhaustion finally triumphed.

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Very cold again and sequence of events followed usual pattern for these days. To Mitchell Library from 7 - 9.30 p.m. Will it never end?

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. Nice letter from Ruth Birthday greetings (present to follow). Also note that it had been held up! Being pretty tired and of cheering up after Scots Law exam today, went to cinema at night and saw "She Married her Boss" and a cheerful Silly Symphony "Who Killed Cock Robin?"

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> February - 21 Today!

Party not till next Saturday. Called at Mr. Boyle's and had pleasant chat with all there. Went to a Ball Match at Firthill in afternoon, and at 8 p.m. tea-bathie and Hugh and played Bridge till 11 p.m.

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. Very busy writing letters and planning work schedules for Degree Exams. Night called at 9 Belmont Street and found Mrs. Reid back in Hospital after her recent illness and looking quite well. Went to club at 8 p.m. but returned home quite early.

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February. To relieve monotony went to Gem Cinema last night and saw a quite amusing programme. But this must be only a brief respite from work routine.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Received Treilly's birthday present this morning - a silver cigarette case - and wrote thanking her. Otherwise an unremarkable day again.

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February. After a busy day in office, was getting down to work at night, when Doreen called at 8 pm. and not long after she had left, Hamilton at 10 p.m., so that my studies were severely interrupted. To bed, very tired, at midnight.

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February. Another Reid Lecture at 5.30 p.m. After tea, rushed off to the Plaza Ballroom where joined Bathie and Hugh, Mr. and Mrs. Boyle and Dolly. Had a very enjoyable time, getting home very tired again at 12.15 a.m.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February. A great crowd, chiefly Aunts and Uncles, assembled in our house this evening to discuss the arrangements for tomorrow's Party, and we had a hilarious time till the last of them left about midnight. This Party will not fail through lack of enthusiasm, anyway. Many very acceptable presents received - See Appendix II.

(11) Receive this gift, Notman, as from your  
the said Helen MacIver Mitchell, Katherine  
Alexander and Christina Mary Ann MacLennan  
Smith.

Will all present now rise and join  
me in praise —  
"TWENTY ONE TODAY."

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Quiet day,  
rising from excitement of yesterday's events. At 8 pm.  
and on grandparents at Park Road and had tea there. Then  
at Club for an hour and got to bed before midnight.

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. — Thursday,  
March. As most of this period is taken up with working  
and sitting exams, it is not worth making a record of  
all day's events except to mention the following: —

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Saw film "Der Traumende Munde" (Elizabeth Bergner)  
 Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> " Elan Donald Dinner and Dance at Grand Hotel.  
 Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> " Concert by Indian Students at the Club.  
 Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Scots Law Exam.  
 Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> " Saw "The Ghost Goes West", an amusing film.  
 Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> " A.G.M. in International Club.  
 Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> " Second half of Bursary received - £25.  
 Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> " Scots Law Exam.  
 Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> " Jurisprudence Exam.  
 Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> " Forensic Medicine Exam.  
 Saw film of "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" at Regal.  
 At night went with mother to visit Mr. and Mrs. Boyle.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Attended Oral Exam  
in Scots Law in morning and gather that I have done quite  
well in written papers. At night attended Cousin Doreen's 21<sup>st</sup>  
Birthday Party in Plaza which I enjoyed but did not think it  
quite came up to the standard of my town.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Went up to Club  
in afternoon and rather stupidly spent several hours of fine  
weather indoors playing Bridge. At night went with Taylor and  
Rhodes from the office to the Juridical Society Dinner, where  
imbibed much wine.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Feeling a bit blue  
after last night's affair and so gave up eating for the day.

Peggy called and 4 p.m. so I made myself suitably  
clean until she left at 8 p.m., when I retired to bed and  
soon asleep.

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Considerably  
tired after 11 hours sleep, and off to office in beautiful  
weather. Had to do some work at night in anticipation  
of exam tomorrow but managed to fit in a visit to  
cinema.

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Letter from Kelly -  
bit Mail. Went for Forensic medicine Oral exam in  
evening and had to wait 2½ hours for a 6-minute time  
questioning. Felt confident that I had done well. Went to  
Belmont Street at night and found Mrs. Reid in bed with  
some such malady. Played Bridge and got home  
about midnight.

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Now is the time  
waiting anxiously for Exam results. After a busy day in  
office went at night to see a Shakespeare play at Theatre Royal  
and found the place besieged by hundreds of School children  
and decided not to join them. Went to see a film instead.

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. After normal  
routine at office, went up to Club in evening but found little  
to do there. Sat and read "The Modern Dilemma" by Christopher  
Dawson.

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. A miserably wet day.  
Met Hamilton Anderson at 4.15 p.m. and he gave me a ticket  
for the Veterinary College Dance in Burlington Hotel, Bath  
Street. So met him, Tetty and a few other acquaintances there  
and had quite an enjoyable time, getting home at 2.15 a.m.

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. In afternoon went  
up to Club and more or less wasted a good day playing  
Bridge. At night visited folk at Park Road, then went to  
Club. Later called at 9 Belmont Road and spent a couple of  
hours discussing the world's problems with Mrs. Reid.

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. A wet day. Went to  
Lewes at 5 p.m. and chatted and played Bridge with Mr. and  
Mrs. Wotherspoon and a Mr. Bassett until time for last bus.

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. Attended final exam in Turisprudence at 2-30 pm but after waiting for nearly an hour was informed that I had passed written exam and would not have to submit to questioning. Night went up to Club where joined the company there until 11 pm, when walked home along with Captain who seems behaving in a more restrained manner these days.

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Busy day in office. Tea, to Club where spent the evening playing Billiards and Ping-Pong. A lovely mild night. At home read some of Berg's "Sociology".

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. No tricks played, except on Molly which I hope to beat about soon. Lovely weather again. Went to lab at 7.30 pm. and listened to the Symphony Concert from Glasgow - *Sacré du Printemps* - great performance.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Mild and dry again. Learned that I had passed in all three Exams and am duly satisfied. At night went to Regal Cinema and saw "Dr. Socrates" which was sick enough, at any rate. Feeling Molly's absence very much just now.

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Nothing of any interest today. The money situation continues to be very unstable and I look forward to the week end with misgivings. Went to Club at night and spent nothing but time.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Left office at 11.15 a.m. and met Mr. Biles, Dorothy London and Jean Taylor. We all proceeded in Mr. Bile's car to Melrose, where the East and West Conference is being held. Enjoyed the run in very fine weather through beautiful countryside. Accommodated in Hostel near Melrose. Spent afternoon playing tennis and walking. At night, various speakers and a very enjoyable Dance. A full and exhausting day.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Walked several miles to Melrose Abbey with a mixed company (i.e. sex and nationality) and chatted to a Miss Brown from Newcastle whom I found very pleasant and interesting. Left for home about 9 pm. and arrived rather cold, and very tired, at 11.15 pm. Altogether an unusually enjoyable week end.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. Back to work feeling  
slightly stiff as the result of Saturday's exertions on the  
ice court. Extremely short of money, too, and without  
any prospect of any in the immediate future. So stayed  
at night.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. Another fine sunny  
day. Welcome letter from Molly. Had quite a busy day in  
ice but obliged by penniless condition to spend another  
night at home.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Good weather again.  
Wrote to go around all day without a coat. At night went to  
Theatre Royal and saw Blander Thomas Company doing "The  
Admirable Crichton." Thought the acting very good but  
did not care very much for the play, as the "class" bias  
did not appeal to me. And Sir James Barrie claims to be  
Scot!

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. After a busy day  
in office went to Park Road after tea and then to Belmont  
Street where chatted to Mrs. Reid and played Bridge till  
11 p.m. Heard that Ansati, who has been away somewhere  
during the last few days, has at last got his B.Sc. degree.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April. Good Friday, but  
office as usual. At night went with mother to see Laurel and  
Hardy in "Bonnie Scotland" which we found very funny.  
Toots, our cat, is giving trouble with his nocturnal excursions.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April. Holiday today.  
Slept late and in afternoon walked for a while in bright  
sunshine, then went to Club, where played Ping-Pong and  
Bridge. Returned to Club after tea but not many there and  
little to do. Letter from Tim Hutton today saying that he  
expects to be back in Glasgow in May.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April. Cold, sunny and  
a few snow showers today. In afternoon went with Ansati  
to Lenzie and spent a long time there.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. Easter Monday  
holiday. Went with John Taylor from office to Douglas Park Golf  
Course, but game rather spoiled by heavy showers of sleet. In  
afternoon played Bridge with Tim, De and Ansati, and at

"The House of Rothschild" at Braemore.

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. Very cold, but dry.  
First Lecture in Public International Law at 8.45 a.m.  
Played Bridge with Annette & Co., but do not seem  
to have won streak these days.

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April. Today seemed a  
day indeed, what with morning Glass, office work  
being spent at home studying. Little of interest.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Post-card from  
(at Allerup). At night visited various public libraries  
for books on International Law, unsuccessful, however.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April. Cold again. Mother  
was feeling unwell, and visiting Doctor whose report  
seems to throw much light on the situation. I feel  
worried about her. At night went to Gem Cinema and  
West for first time. Not greatly impressed.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April. Took a walk  
afternoon to enjoy bright sunshine — alone, and feeling  
lonely. I can sense that mother is not well. Went  
out at night to see a film "Alice Adams", which  
I enjoyed.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April. Another fine day  
(Summer) but very cold. Aunt Dolly with Raoul  
in afternoon, so did not go out. Went to Park Road  
p.m. and then to club

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Sunny but cold  
Still contemplating the amount of work I have yet to  
do. At night spent long time in the Club, playing ping pong  
and billiards, getting home at 10.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April. Weather as yesterday  
body looking forward to some warmer weather. Letter  
from Mally, for which much pleased. After reading at home  
tea, went to Belmont Street at 9 p.m. only to find them  
not visiting. So went to Club for an hour.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Feeling in a  
rather peevish frame of mind, which does not please me, or

I presume. At night went to see a French film "Unions" at King's Cinema - good, but rather gloomy. Not what I needed.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. First rain along time this afternoon. Pity, because had to play ball for office team against Sheriff Court team at 7 p.m. must be a ten 4 - 2 but quite enjoyed the game. Home, weary, at 10.15 p.m.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. Still feeling the effects of yesterday's football. At night attended Law Society M.L. and joined in the discussions. Would have liked to be on the Committee, but was not nominated. Called at Club meeting, (10 p.m.) for an hour. Feeling quite exhausted bed time.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April. In afternoon went to see Lily Pons in "I dream too much" at the Paramount. Went to Club, then called on Mrs. Reid at 10.30 p.m. and left at 12.15 a.m.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. A quiet day at home reading, writing and looking at text books, which will have to be studied more closely in the near future. Will have been in McGregor, Donald & Co. for a year in a few days. Molly due back home in five weeks.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. After a fairly busy day in office felt a little sad at night having nothing to do but stay at home to read and study. In fact, lonely and somewhat fed up. I need company, and soon.

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. A fine mild day. Went to Club after tea and played ping pong there till 10 p.m. Looked in at University Union on way home. Life is just not very entertaining just now.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Letter from great Aunt Mary inviting me to Stirling for the weekend, which pleases me a lot. On leaving office went up to University to vote in Council Election. Then had a light snack at 5.30 p.m. and proceeded to Fisher where played football for the office team against team from Russell, Duncan & Co. Alas! we were badly beaten 1 + 4.

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. Phoned Tim and arranged for him to come for tea tonight. After went to Theatre Royal, but could not get in, so to King's Cinema and saw "Escapade." Afterwards Bridge at Unity Club till 12.30 a.m.

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. At night felt it time to work, so went to Mitchell Library and made very short of cash again and still three weeks till month.

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. Beautiful weather. Set for walk in afternoon. Called in at Tennis Courts in Rose Park and was lucky to be invited by some girls in School of Domestic Science to join them in a game. I much enjoyed. Spent evening fairly quietly at Club.

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Even better weather yesterday. After a visit to Park Road, set out at 3 p.m. by bus. Got off bus at Bishopbriggs and walked the way (about 5 miles) in warm sunshine. Spent with Mrs. and Mrs. Wetherpoon, enjoying the garden & playing cards. Molly due home in three weeks.

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Very warm weather. Too hot almost for work in office. At home after trying to study, and only moderately successful.

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May. Extremely short of now. Have to walk to Sand from office. To Mitchell at night and then continuing work at home for tomorrow's exam till 1.30 a.m. Had a long discussion with Dad today as to Ansari's future.

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Exam today. Felt relieved when it was over. At night called on Mrs. and found her tired out after moving the furniture and. Meanwhile others busy furnishing the flat upstairs. Managed to see her again tomorrow, and went to Club, but early and called on Tim Hutton at 9.30 p.m. Stayed with him till 12.15 a.m. and when arrived home found and Dé there. Chatted with them till 1.30 a.m.

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Rather tired this morning. Saw Mrs. Reed off by train at 10 a.m. on her way to

so that could only spare 30 minutes for lunch. At rushed off to Whitecraig where played golf with splendid weather. Cathie and her friend, Meg Macdonald, later in Clubhouse which we left at 10.30 p.m. in Hugh's car tired and very pleased to get a run home. It had fine night, not lovely as regards weather, but socially.

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Lovely weather day, but after busy morning in office, went to The Bell and saw "Captain Blood", a racy sea tale. At night into Club but did not stay long and was home by 10 p.m. some of James Bridie's Plays.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. After a long sleep spent the rest of the day indoors reading Bridie and Highland Literature. We are spending a lot of time at thinking where to go for our Summer Holiday this year.

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Busy day in office. "Tui Akrbi" in office Derby Sweepstake. Having no money back home in evening reading and listening to wireless. Outstanding lack of money, feel quite contented.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. At night Aunts Jessie and Eddie arrived and we played Bridge and had a good time till 30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. Celebrated Derby by winning 15/- in office Draw. Great boost to my finances! Went to Park Road and then to La Scala where saw "Lipman Easy".

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. Busy day in office. I got bored and so went to Gem Cinema (bad habit this!) coming out met a Miss Scott, formerly of Woodside School, walked home with her. Long conversation on phone with Wallerborn. Holly due home in a few days.

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. At night went to Belmont Street and sat talking with Mr. Reid and a Mr. Stevenson till Terry and Hamilton arrived at 10.45. The upper rooms (5) the house have now been made suitable for living quarters.

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May. In afternoon felt too tired after busy morning in office and slept from 2.30-6.30 p.m.

ight went up to Leebab and then visited John Matta who laid up with a bad cold. Then went to Belmont at 10 p.m., leaving, after some hands of Bridge, at night.

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. Woke with the thought in mind that Nelly should now be at home. I will see her soon. At 5 p.m. went with Tim Hutton down to Gowock where we spent several hours, but found rather cold, although invigorating. Home at 10.30 p.m.

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June. Weather "chilly June": At night Lewis Mitchell called and was full his new found faith - "British Israelism". Went to see Hutton at his new digs after tea but although I waited nearly two hours for him, he did not appear, and I had return without seeing him.

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Mr. and Mrs. wife came to visit us this evening and we spent the time pleasant conversation. They do not play cards, which certainly encourages people to talk to each other. Telephone call from Mrs. Wotherspoon asking me to visit them tomorrow night, which I look forward to a lot.

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Went out to Longie at 5.40 p.m. and found Nelly looking more beautiful than ever. And today is her birthday. She has passed all her Exams with merit. A really happy and enjoyable evening.

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Beautiful day. At night went out to University Sports Ground at Westerlands with Tim Hutton and played several sets of tennis. While there, I put in an application to join the Sports Club. After the tennis, we returned to town and had supper in Tim's digs. Got home at midnight.

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. Another lovely day. Holiday discussion at home is now centring around Tong. At night went to a Former Pupils' Club meeting in School, and was co-opted as a member of Committee. Home at 11.15 p.m.

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. Went to Westerlands in afternoon, paid entry fee of £1.5/- and became a club member. Took part in an "American Tournament" after which

had time to rush off and meet Molly in town at 6.45 p.m.  
it with her to Granston's Cinema and saw "Moscow Nights."  
busy but very satisfying day.

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. In afternoon  
Mabel and I went out by bus to Douglas Park to look at  
the new houses being built there, as a change from  
dwelling is under consideration. Did some study at  
in evening and will have to do a lot more soon in  
preparation for forthcoming exams.

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. Arrangement to play  
today at Whitecraigs cancelled due to pressure of work.  
Slept at Mitchell Library till 9.30 p.m. Wrote to Molly  
inviting her to play tennis on Wednesday.

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. A very dull day with  
rain in evening. Working at home at night for tomorrow's  
exam in Public International Law. Feel that I am not working  
seriously enough.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June. A lovely sunny  
day. Met Molly in town at 6.45 p.m. and took her out to  
Westlands where we had several enjoyable sets of tennis.  
Accompanied her on train to Lenzie as far as Bishopbriggs  
from where I made my way home, wearing white trousers, after  
11 p.m. Public International Law exam passed off fairly well.

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. Rain this afternoon.  
At night went up to Club and chatted with John Marr and  
Archie Murray, and returned home about 9 p.m. Shortly after  
I was surprised to receive a visit from the girl I played with  
in last Saturday's Tennis Tournament bearing my share of  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (some tennis balls) which we apparently won.

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June. Very bad weather.  
At night called on Tim \_\_\_\_\_ and, tennis being out of the  
question, we went to King's Cinema and saw "The Last Days  
of Pompeii," very spectacular. Supper thereafter at my house.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. Went to Westlands  
in afternoon, but tennis not possible because of weather. Watched  
other sports in progress. Met Molly at 7 p.m. and, the weather  
now being fine, went with her to Linn Park where we enjoyed  
the beautiful surroundings and felt very happy.

...and being complimented on my sunburnt nose. After quite a busy day, went out to Lenzie and spent the evening there lovely to see Molly again, too! they are going away tomorrow on holiday to Biggar. Another fortnight's separation.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. A dull showery day and start to the Glasgow Fair holiday which night. At night Jim \_\_\_\_\_ came for tea and then to Regal Cinema, but were bored. Returned for supper followed by a short game of Bridge.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Raining off and on all day. In afternoon went with Mum and Dad to see "the Fleet". Spent evening at the Club until 10 p.m. John \_\_\_\_\_ and I called on Hamilton and Terry played Bridge till 2 a.m.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. Poor weather again. Went to visit grandparents at Park Road in afternoon. Hutton called at 8 pm and we had supper and played till midnight.

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July. Fair Monday, and a sun office. Weather much better today. Played golf in the morning at Renfrew with Jim Hutton and Harry Alexander. Tea at Jim's flat and then went to Whittingehame. Played tennis, getting home, tired and weary, at mid-

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Too good a day for where I was kept pretty busy. After tea went to the library and started work for September exam. Kept for two hours, then went for a coffee with David

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. A dull but busy day. Very busy in office, not getting away till 6.5 p.m. tea felt too tired to study, so went to Queen and saw books; the usual 'For God and England' kind of stuff. Went to Molly at Ardrosshaig.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Another busy day off. Stayed at home in evening and studied for two hours. At 10 p.m. went out for a walk to get some fresh

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August. After working all noon went up to Club in evening. Phoned Molly from and apologized. All's well! At 9.30 p.m. accompanied Hilda and Dorothy London to Hamilton and Tilly's left for home in fairly good time - 11 p.m.

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. A fine day. In Muir at 5.30 p.m. and went with her to buy a new hand tie in town. Got home at 7, very hungry and I could not get down to work and so went to bed early.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. After a very day in office, again felt disinclined to work at it and went to Gem Cinema to see "Crime and Punishment" which thought very good.

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. A very wet day. At night went to Mitchell Library where worked for a few hours, then adjourned to Berkeley Cafe with Archie Campbell and his girl friend, getting home at 11.15 p.m. Molly has now started teaching in a Gorbals School.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Raining all day. At 6.45 p.m. met Molly fresh from her new teaching experiences. Went to New Savoy and saw a very good picture - "The Petrified Forest". Coffee thereafter and hearing all about School. Then to Station for 11 p.m. train. A very pleasant evening.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. More rain. Stayed in at night till 8.30 p.m. doing some study, then went over to School for an F.P. Committee meeting, which lasted till 10 p.m. Resumed study, on return, till 1 a.m.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September. No improvement in weather. Worked in Mitchell Library from 2 to 5 p.m., then went out to Lenzis for tea. A Mr. and Mrs. Tait from Hawick were also there and we spent a very pleasant time playing ping pong and Bridge. Unfortunately I missed the last train home but Mr. Tait was able to take me back to town on his way to Hawick.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Poor weather again. Studying all afternoon. At 8 p.m. called in at Park Road for an hour and then at Club. Had intended

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. Very busy in office. Mr. Reid, one of the partners, seemed to have lost confidence in my ability to do a rather difficult job and it entailed a lot of hard work. Sought some fat night by going to Gem Cinema, but it was a poor So did not get much study done.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September. Another hard day in office - and working at night in Mitchell Library.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. Asked for obtained leave from office until exams are finished next week, which will enable me to work "overtime" for you. Phoned Molly and made date for Saturday. Worked Library all evening.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Working in library from 10 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. Went back there after tea but decided to give up at 5 p.m. then went to Gem Cinema with Oliver Ashford.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September. Similar procedure again today, apart from Cinema. Feeling confident I shall be able to cover all the ground for exams. But it is a fatiguing operation. Called on Tim Hutton at 10.30 p.m. and got home at 12.30 a.m., too late and too tired.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. Worked steadily from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. then met Molly in town at 7 p.m. She is quite better now and looking fine. She gave me a bunch of white heather for luck at the exams. We went to the Playhouse and saw "Brides are like that," quite a good picture. An enjoyable evening.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Feeling that I had done enough studying and was in danger of mental indigestion, I did hardly any today. Perhaps a rest night gives added strength for tomorrow. Went up to Club in evening then called on Hamilton for a short time.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Exam in Constitutional Law from 9-12 noon. Found the paper fairly good, on the whole. In afternoon saw "Rhodes of Africa" at La Scala and at night did a little work at leisure for Wednesday's exam.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Working at  
Aunt Bathie came for lunch which gave me an  
hour or two for taking a couple of hours off.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Broke a tooth  
dentally this morning and had to go to Dentist, which  
interrupted my last minute studies. Public International  
Exam from 2-5 pm. Found it much to my liking.  
Met Holly at night and saw a really funny picture - the  
Six Brothers in "A Night at the Opera".

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. Back to office  
this morning, feeling much relieved that exams  
are behind me. Met Jim [redacted] at 6 pm. and went to  
"Mr. Deeds Comes to Town", a very good picture. He came  
home with me for supper and a game of Bridge.

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. After a busy day  
at office went out to Burnside with Mum and Dad to have  
tea with Aunt Helen and Uncle Lewis. After tea Cousin Lewis  
and I went to the Pictures in Rutherglen, and returned for  
supper. Mum and Dad and I left for home at 11.20 pm. and  
arranged to come back on Tuesday night for the Farewell  
Party which he is giving prior to his departure for Kenya.

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September. Glasgow Holiday  
week end - thank goodness! Took a long lie and in  
afternoon played tennis with Jim at Whittinghame. Dashed  
out to Largs at 6 pm. and had tea with Holly. Mr. and  
Mrs. Wotherspoon had gone to Inverness for week end. Holly  
and I got in some dancing practice, and seemed to be  
doing pretty well. A lovely evening.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September. A day of rest  
at last! Went out with Mum in afternoon. After tea, to  
the club, and later to Terry's for a hand of Bridge.  
Worry about exams temporarily over.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. Went by train to  
Largs with Mum in glorious weather, and passed a pleasant  
quiet afternoon there. After tea went to see Harry Kemp's  
Variety Show at Barrfields Pavilion, returning to Glasgow  
by 10 pm. train. Arrived home, cold and hungry, at 11.30.  
but with the memory of a happy day out.

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Feeling all better for yesterday's sea breezes. But back to office. At night went over to Burnside for Cousin Lewis's. He leaves for Kenya on Thursday to join the Police. There were not many at the Party, only about ten wives and friends. I made a little farewell speech which seemed to meet the occasion not too badly. It is a step into the unknown for him. (See Appendix IV)

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. First cold day. Met Molly at 7 pm. - wearing a black fox fur looking rather stunning. Went to Granville's Cinema and saw "Wife and Secretary", but parting at Station afterwards is always a wrench.

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October. At night went to Mitchell Library with a view to doing some revision for tomorrow's Oral Exams but spent 2½ hours in a friendly philosophical argument with Archie Campbell and Alex.

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. At University from 10 a.m. till noon for Oral Exams (Constitutional Law and Public International Law) although actual examination times were fairly short. At night went to School for F.P. Club Dance which went off quite well. I have now been appointed Club Secretary, another sphere of activity.

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Marvellous weather today. In afternoon went with Tim Hutton to Westlands where played Tennis in warm sunshine. At night called at 9 Belmont Street - and later went to see Fatah who is leaving tomorrow for Vienna where he is to have an eye operation.

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. Another fine day. Out in afternoon with Mum to see new houses at Annandale. At night visited Park Road - and generally did nothing very active.

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. After busy day in office met Molly at 7 pm. and went to see a very fine picture - "Fury", with Paul Muni. Really enjoyed our time together this evening - except for its brevity.

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. Change at the  
university today. I have been transferred to the Convalescing  
Department - partner in charge, Mr. Archie Riddell. At night  
I went in at Club and found Andrew Mitchell there. He  
has been appointed a temporary Assistant Lecturer in  
Economics at Glasgow till December. Had interesting  
conversation with him.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. After leaving  
office went straight to Grand Hotel to attend wedding  
of Isa McKenzie and Alec. McLeod, both from Lewis. Had  
good time. Played a lot of music (piano) and made a  
speech!

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. Party at home this  
evening - Molly, Doreen, Dorothy, Tim, John Mata, Terry and  
Hamilton. Nice company. Plenty of fun. Regrettably Molly  
had to leave for 11 p.m. train but when I returned we played  
Bridge till 1 a.m.

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Exam results today -  
passed in both subjects. Feeling quite elated. At night  
attended an Extraordinary General Meeting of F.P. Club. Today  
we had a new telephone installed at home so I handled it  
by phoning Molly and arranging to meet her on Monday.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. The fine weather  
of the last two weeks continued. In afternoon could find  
no one about so went to Pictures. To Club at night then  
to Belmont Street to see Terry, Hamilton and others. Hamilton  
suffering from headache. Played Bridge and got home at 1 a.m.

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Lazy morning and  
afternoon. Went to Club at night then to Belmont Street.  
Found Terry and Hamilton quite excited as he is going  
to London on Friday for an interview for a job with  
Heinz. Wished him the best of luck.

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. Met Molly at  
7 pm. and went to Theatre Royal where saw a rather  
strange play of Convent life - "Bridle Song". Feeling  
tired tonight and not too bright. Maybe the shock of  
starting classes again today after the long vacation.  
Convalescing Law will be main subject.

Tuesday, 13<sup>rd</sup> October. Early morning dancing class (5.30 a.m.) no joke in this cold wet flat. At night went to library to make a good start with studies - moderately successful.

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. After a busy at class and in office, came home at night feeling tired. Went to bed soon after tea, and then was pretty much asleep. Perhaps it is a disordered nervous system. Must slow down.

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Not feeling very well today but managed to get through the routine. At night went to International Club Anniversary Party at the Union which took my mind off my troubles for a time. Left at 11.15 p.m. and walked home with Andrew Mitchell. Fine conversation I enjoyed.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. At night Jim called and we went to see "Suicide Club" at La Scala. Then to his digs for supper, getting home about midnight. Dream of getting to bed quietly some night about 10 p.m. - but seems unlikely.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. Visited Dentist, and later Doctor for "an overhaul" - nothing wrong, it seems. Went to Club at night and spent a boisterous time in good company. Later went with Andrew Mitchell to Alakija's digs and chatted with him till after midnight. He will be going home to Nigeria soon. Got home through wind and rain at 1 a.m. - cold and tired.

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. Work interrupted by call to an F.P. Club Committee meeting at 5 p.m. At 8 p.m. Terry phoned and asked me to make up a four for Bridge so that accounted for the rest of the evening. So many things to do and so little time to do them.

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October. Weather really bad today. At night went to Lenzie for tea and then played Bridge and ping pong with the family and a Mrs. Howells and a Mrs. Sadler who were also visiting. Am still not feeling at my best.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October. At night went  
away to work but could not get into the proper  
of mind to concentrate so returned home earlier than  
Spent some time writing up Minutes of F. P. Club  
ing and got to bed at reasonable time.

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. After a busy  
at glasses and office, decided to seek some light relief.  
went to Gem Cinema, where saw the usual C 3 programme.  
an hour's work thereafter. Am finding Conveyancing  
tolerably palatable so far.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
(No record for either of these days.)

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. Day of hurricane  
winds and rainstorms. In afternoon met Tim Hutton and  
played Billiards with him at Club. At night Molly came  
to town by car through the stormy blast - and we went to  
the University Union Palais where we enjoyed a jolly good  
dance and had a most enjoyable time. She left for home  
at midnight - a great night.

Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. Dreadful weather  
continues. Called in at Park Road in evening, then went to  
club and later to see Hamilton who has now returned from  
London and is soon to start a good job as an agent for  
Heinz. Naturally he and Terry are pretty bucked about this  
turn in their fortunes.

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October. The bad weather  
culminated in a terrific storm during the night. Stayed at  
home - after tea and got some work done. Phoned Molly  
but found that telephone wires at Lenzie had been blown  
down, so no connection. Roof slates have been flying about  
in Glasgow today.

Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October. Raining most of  
day, but at least the storm has abated. At night attended  
Law Society meeting in Union. John Cameron, K.C. - gave  
a fine address on "The State and the Law".

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. This evening  
changed into Kilt, attire for Office Dance - at the Plaza.  
It went off very well, and I was home and abed by 12.30.

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. At night to club where a Committee meeting was held to consider and means of raising money - as usual. Decided to have a Dance. Phoned Molly and arranged to take her in Palais on Saturday.

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October. Stayed at home in evening to see what could be done about this Conveyancing mess. So far I have found the Lectures comprehensible enough, but time seems to be passing so quickly that I will be having to think of my first exam in the subject.

Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. In afternoon called Jim Hutton and went with him to see "The Moon's our Home" at King's Theatre. At 7.30 p.m. met Molly in town and went to Union where we danced till 10.30 when we had to scuttle catch last bus. A lovely evening, only spoiled by having part at Bus Station.

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. Afternoon spent studying at home. In evening went to Club and heard interesting Lecture on Primitive Religion by Prof. Fulton. Called at Belmont Street later and played Bridge till midnight. Won 2/3 and felt a bit unhappy about it.

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Very poor weather today. At night went up to Union to attend a Protest Meeting of Affiliated Societies (which included the International Club). Played Billiards in Union after the meeting.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Had tea with Andrew Mitchell and discussed a troublesome situation which has arisen in the Club. Libellous remarks are circulating concerning him and his intention to stand for election as chairman. Went with him to Club later to interview some of the persons implicated but did not get very far.

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November. At lunch time went from office to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting at the Union. No lunch. Met Molly at 6 p.m. No tea! Saw "Mary of Scotland" at Regal Cinema - No good. Had nice chat afterwards over a cup of tea and biscuits which I badly needed.

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November. Attended Law

party meeting in Union at night. Sheriff Hamilton (my) spoke on "Dickenson's Doubts" and succeeded in most of us. Played Billiards afterwards. Got home in reasonable time but with the feeling that time is passing and enough work being done.

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. Went to School at first for F. P. Club meeting. Mr. Petrie (Headmaster, and President of the Club) gave a very interesting address on "Great Proverbs." After meeting went up to Union and heard of a Debate there. Then called on Tim Hutton at 3 o'clock, had coffee with him and got home at 12.15 a.m.

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Finished work in office at 1.10 p.m., and, after lunch in the Hub Restaurant, went to see "The Hippolytus" of Euripides in King's Theatre. Very good. At night attended Vivian Wood's Birthday Party — my third and had an enjoyable time but it went on so long that it was 3.30 a.m. when got home. What a week!

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Did not wake till 12.30 p.m. Spent afternoon studying. After tea visited grandparents at Park Road, then went to Club and finally called on Terry and Hamilton, to hear about his new job.

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November. Nothing of any consequence today. Worked for exam at night and went to bed early. Phoned Mollie and arranged to see her on Saturday — seems along way off.

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Very busy in office preparing for Mathematics Term day (tomorrow). Met Tim at night and went with him to Savoy Cinema but saw nothing worth mention. He came home with me for supper.

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. Term day. Atmosphere in my Department of Office (Conveyancing) almost electric — people rushing here and there in town settling house Sales and purchases with other Solicitors. Everything seems to have gone off well. At night stayed at home, did some work and got to bed at 10.20 p.m. — a record.

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. Busy working all day, in office and at home. Study progressing well enough.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November. In afternoon went with Tim to see "Piccadilly Jim" at La Scala. At night attended Scottish National Night at the Club which went very well. Phoned Molly and arranged to meet on Monday. Finished night with visit to Terry and Hamilton and got home wearily at midnight after a very ill and enjoyable day.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Visit in afternoon from Cathie with cousins Kenneth and Coline. Spent the time keeping the boys from breaking the place up! But managed to have a few hands of Bridge nevertheless. Hugh was with us, being engaged in rehearsal for his next Amateuristic production. Rather heavy fog at night and did not go out.

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. A very cold and foggy day. Met Molly in town at 6.30 p.m. and was very glad to see her again. Went to La Scala and saw "One Rainy Afternoon". Took tea in Orchid Restaurant and to Station for 11 p.m. train, and a fond farewell.

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
(No record for these two days.)

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November. At night went to a special Film Show at the Union organised by the Saltire Society. Saw two Art School films - "Hell Unlimited" and "Colour-Cocktail" and the Russian film - "Mother" by Pudovkin. All pretty heavy going. Home in reasonable time.

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November. Busy day in office. At 7.30 p.m. attended an F.P. Club Committee meeting in Bunting Benson's house till 10 p.m. Then went to the Bettie Café for eats with Bob Miller, Bill Williamson and May Conn.

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> November. Declined invitation to play football for F.P. Club, but, it being a fine sunny day, called on Tim Hutton and suggested tennis. So we went to the All-Weather Courts in Kelvingrove but, alas, found them closed due to patches of ice on surface. From there we went to the Book Exhibition in Mitchell Library where met Terry and Hamilton. Caught 6 p.m. train to Lenzie and spent enjoyable evening playing Bridge and ping-pong. Home by 11.40 p.m. train.

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Spent afternoon  
studying at home. Very cold day. At night went to see  
Mum and Terry and found them playing Bridge with  
the gang. Got included in the play and passed pleasant  
evening, getting home just before midnight.

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. Met Molly at  
the station and went to see Tim Hutton's Show - at Theatre Royal -  
Stand up and Sing." Enjoyed it but it finished so late that  
had to see Molly off at Station almost immediately - too bad.  
Went back to Theatre and took Tim back home for supper.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Committee  
meeting at Club tonight took the usual three hours to get through  
the business. I could have used that time to get on with some of  
my own work. Conveyancing exam result (67%) received today.

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Attended Law  
Society Social Service Panel at 7.30 pm. in Queen Margaret  
Settlement (Free Legal Advice) but had only a few clients  
to deal with. At 9.30 went to Woodend, Tordamhill where  
F.P. Club were holding a Dance. Unfortunate incident due to someone  
having too much to drink rather spoiled the affair. Got home at  
1.30 a.m., rather tired.

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This evening went  
to Mitchell Library to examine authorities on Divorce Law in preparation  
for Debate next Tuesday organised by the Judicial Society. Didn't  
get much help and shall have to look elsewhere. Quite looking  
forward to Debate, in which I am to take a leading part.

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. After tea and a  
hurried change into evening dress went to Q.M. Union to attend  
International Club Dance which lasted from 7.30 pm. to 2 a.m.  
and was very successful. Got home feeling absolutely tired out.  
Seem to have been overdoing it a bit this while back.

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Spent most of  
the day. The King's Marriage dilemma has set everyone and  
everything in a tizzy this week. How will it all end? Met  
Molly at night, in spite of the snow, and went to Pictures. Saw  
her off at Station happy in the knowledge that I am to see her  
again tomorrow.

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Rose early and

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Cheers! Classes finished for Holidays. But must do some work, nevertheless. City, Hamilton and Captain called in the evening and played Bridge till 2 a.m. Too much of a good thing.

Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Felt pretty washed out after this dissipation and took the week end to recover.

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December. Feeling at a loose end this evening so went over to Gem Cinema, and saw some third rate picture. Afterwards, did some study at home, but not as much as I would have liked.

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Met Molly and Jim at 6.45 p.m. and went to Roseen's house in Newlands where a small party was being held. Had a very good time. Mr. Wotherspoon called at midnight and tea fine and me home before going out to Lenzie with Molly.

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Dashed out office and got to Q.M. Union at 7.30 p.m. for International Club Dinner and Dance. Went pretty well till 2 a.m. when tattered home to bed, feeling that it had been a good night.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December. Weather much better. Stopped work at 5 p.m. Although feeling pretty tired had to go to an F.P. Club Committee meeting in Brastron's Restaurant. After meeting called at Grand Hotel to inquire about terms for a proposed Club Dinner. Then to International Club where met Archie Murray and went for coffee with him. Home at 11.15 p.m. Had a long talk with mother about Molly and myself till 1 a.m.

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> December. After a very late breakfast, went up to Club, but did not stay long. In afternoon called on Jim Hutton. At night went to Aunt Meg's (Blythswood Dwe) for Christmas Dinner. A fine feast. - 10 at table, including four grandparents, also a Mr. Fawcett, a curious man who is apparently devoted to music and wine, the latter in vast quantities. Altogether a happy evening.

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> December. Went to the office this morning only to find it closed, as I had half expected. After a walk around town, went up to Club. In afternoon went to see "Louis Pasteur," a fine picture. At 5 p.m.

went to see Peggy and Cyril called and stayed till 8 p.m. I always enjoyed conversations with them. They then took me up to the flat in their car and left me there. Met Oliver Ashford in flat and had supper with him in town. Home about 11 p.m. Further discussion with mother about myself and Molly.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December. Horrors! Molly flounced about midday and I found myself telling her that it would be better if we parted. She wept. I was emotionally numb. But at length we reached an agreement to meet on Tuesday to talk. This seems the most unbelievable day in my life.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> December. Pretty ill at ease all day - and finding it difficult to compose myself. At night went to Regent Cinema by myself and saw a picture called "Suzy." Walked home and met about half a dozen people I knew on the way.

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December. Met Molly at 8 p.m. and went to Branson's Tearoom. We discussed things very fully and I especially insisted that I accepted blame for the way in which I had sought to "rush" matters. The result was that we agreed to ca' canny and continue as good friends, and it was with much lighter hearts and better understanding that we said good night.

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December. After a busy day in office went down to the Free Legal Dispensary in Govan with John Hamilton and did our best to advise clients on a variety of problems till 10 p.m. During the day Mr. Wotherspoon phoned to tell me that Molly had been suddenly taken ill but when I phoned back at night I was much relieved to find that she was much better and expected to be out again tomorrow.

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December. Hogmanay! At 6 p.m. went to family dinner party at grandparents' house in King's Park. At 8 p.m. Doreen and I left and came to our house where Molly and Jim Hutton joined us. After a sherry or two we all went up to the Union Palais where we danced till 2 a.m. Great fun. Free drinks. Then to Jim Hutton's flat and finally Molly took me and Doreen in her car, delivering Doreen to her home in Newlands and going on with me to Lenzie, which we reached in the wee small hours. Stayed overnight in Lenzie. A marvellous end to the year.